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Councilors Remaining Silent On Who Will Be New Council Chief

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

When the Town Council's legislative year begins on January 6th, the first order of business will be to elect a president and a vice-president.

Right now, the only thing that's certain is who will be the chairman when the meeting opens. According to council rules, the oldest councilor present (in this case, it'll be Councilor David Skolnick) will preside over the election of the council president as the first order of business of the new year.

Who will be sitting in the chair after the election is anybody's guess for the moment.

Town councilors are not usually considered tight-lipped when it comes to expressing their opinions on the issues. But, on the matter of who will be the next council president, many are playing it close to the vest.

So close, in fact, that telephone calls from *The AAN* were not returned, and some of the councilors reached by *The AAN* are hedging their bets on who will be the next occupant of what insiders call the "crash and burn seat."

The councilor most often named as the likely successor, Kent Servis, to Council President Nancy Thompson declined to return repeated phone calls.

Maybe Servis, along with his fellow councilors, prefers to avoid being locked into a public position so early in the game.

One thing is certain. All of the councilors contacted by *The AAN* responded emphatically that they were not interested in the job.

Only two, council Vice-President Jill Simpson

and Councilor Gary Suffriti, were willing to consider taking on the second leadership position, the vice-presidency.

Mrs. Simpson said she is not actively campaigning for the second slot on the council, but she would accept if nominated and elected.

"I'm being very low-key as I was during the general election," Mrs. Simpson said. "My name is out there and whatever happens is fine with me. Let the votes fall where they may."

Mrs. Simpson said no one has asked for her support for a bid for the council presidency, and her experiences in chairing several contentious meetings convinced her not to seek the job.

"It's very wearing to sit in the chair, and I don't want to do it all the time," Mrs. Simpson said.

Councilor Dennis Perry is not interested in either of the two leadership positions, citing time constraints as the reason.

Perry said he had been asked and had agreed to support Servis as the next council president.

"I think Councilor Servis will do a really good job. He's very intelligent and organized. He'll do the job that's necessary as far as being fair on all issues. I think he'll be neutral in providing information to the councilors," Perry said.

As the council's parliamentarian, Servis would be strong on procedure and would do the necessary research, Perry said.

Councilor Gary Suffriti said he would not be nominating anyone for the presidency, and he is not ready to name a definite choice at this time.

"I've been burned before in coming out too

soon on the issues. After coming out early in support of Berkshire Power, I've learned not to make my mind up until the end," Suffriti said.

Suffriti said he is not running for the presidency and would not be drafted into the position because he enjoys the dialogue and debate among the councilors that the president cannot engage in.

"I don't want to be bridled (by the position)," Suffriti said. "I have a big mouth and if I have something to say, I want to say it."

Suffriti said he is not seeking, but would probably accept, the vice-presidency.

"As the vice-president, I'd still be able to have my say and do my job as a councilor," Suffriti said.

Councilor Edward Caba hasn't been approached by any candidate, but he would not rule out supporting any candidate "as long as it's not Nancy Thompson."

Caba said, "I think she is the biggest cause of the problems we've had. She hasn't communicated directly with the council. Whether people like or dislike the Mayor, it shouldn't interfere with the council's business."

Caba said he was not interested in the presidency or in the vice-presidency.

"I've been there (the presidency) once before and that was enough," Caba said.

Calls to Councilors Joseph Langone, Thomas Ennis, Kent Servis, and Council President Nancy Thompson were not returned.

Six votes are needed to elect a council president.

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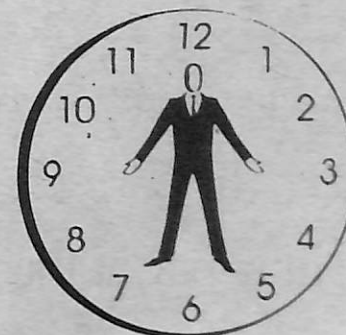


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Letters To The Editor

Boy Scouts Troop 75 Says Thanks To Meteorologist

To The Editor:

Boy Scout Troop 75 at the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills and its families want to thank Nick Morganelli, WWLP-TV 22's new meteorologist, for the interesting and informative tour of the weather center that he gave to some 25 scouts, volunteers, and parents. His experience was obvious, and his ability to tailor his presentation to the age levels of the scouts was extraordinary. TV 22 certainly has found a "gem" in him!

With professionals like Nick who are willing to take the time to share his knowledge and his work with our young people, we have an opportunity to inspire future leaders and build a workforce of contributing individuals to benefit us all.

It may have been all in an evening's work for Nick, but for these boys, it was a chance to learn about the world, and perhaps, even to get a glimpse of their future.

So, to Nick Morganelli and the cooperative staff at TV 22, we say, "We're glad you are here in Western Mass!"

Sincerely,
The Scouts, volunteers, and families of
Boy Scout Troop 75
Sacred Heart Church
Feeding Hills, MA

Town Doesn't Move Until TV Cameras Show Up

To The Editor:

An Open Letter To The Citizens Of Agawam:

An amazing thing happened on December 11, 1996. Approximately 10 minutes after a news story carried by Channel 22 News WWLP, regarding the Hendom Drive bus stop number six, someone in the bowels of town government made the decision to move this stop to a safer location.

We may never know who made this decision because as is the case so often, officials were "...not available for comment." Although the "good fight" was waged for nearly three months by several families concerned for the safety of their children, their pleas were often ignored or dismissed as just hysterical ranting of a few residents with nothing better to do.

Councilor Ennis spoke volumes with his "one liner" at a recent town meeting. He said, "If you really want to get something done, tell it to the media." (Springfield Newspaper 12/18/96)

Elected officials and employees of the town as well as our police officers have certain responsibilities, not the least of which is the obligation to address the concerns of the taxpayers when called upon. To say that you are not available for comment is a slap in the face to the people who labor long and hard to pay taxes to provide the salaries you receive "every week," unlike some

taxpayers who are not guaranteed a paycheck every week.

To the Department of Public Works, I would like to extend my thanks for a job well done. Certain members of the transportation sub-committee made representations and guarantees that the DPW would have the sidewalk cleared immediately after a snowstorm. Of course, these individuals are probably not available for comment. The DPW was the only entity of our town that was always cordial to my wife and me when we phoned to ask questions about the maintenance of our streets and sidewalks.

So, Councilor Ennis, I truly hope that the citizenry will heed your advice. Folks like Jerry Gretzinger, Dan Yorke, and Priscilla Ress have the ability to articulate our concerns and to cut to the chase and get the job done.

Sincerely,
Mike & Carol Kennedy
111 Hendom Drive
Feeding Hills

Public Deserves The Truth From CCBA And Council

To The Editor:

This letter is to comment on the applications for special permits by the owners of companies in or new to Agawam. The business owners have requested exemptions so that they may build their facilities to minimize their costs and maximize production efficiencies.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has granted many permits, and has before them now an application for an exemption to our zoning ordinances so that the new owners of Riverside Park can build a new roller coaster that will be higher than our current ordinances allow.

While the town should support that application because of the economic benefit to Agawam that this amusement park provides, my question is: Where does the Agawam Town Council and Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam stand on this issue?

Recently, the CCBA and the Town Council joined forces to express their disapproval of *any* application for *any* business to receive special permits granting relief from our zoning ordinances. So, will the Town Council and CCBA publicly ask the Zoning Board of Appeals to deny this application?

The Town Council and CCBA insisted that their outrage with the Zoning Board of Appeals' approval of special permits wasn't aimed directly at Berkshire Power (who is asking for an exemption to our ordinances), but at *all* companies that have the "audacity" to ask for exemptions from our zoning bylaws.

If that's true, and the Council and CCBA don't have a problem with *just* Berkshire Power, then why haven't they publicly denounced this new application when the application was reported by the Springfield newspaper?

I'd like to know where the Council and CCBA stand on this application. If their prior actions and statements about exemptions to our zoning laws stand, then they should publicly ask the ZBA to deny this application. If they don't, then it appears their actions *are* (despite their vehement denial) aimed solely at Berkshire Power. The public deserves to know the truth.

Sincerely,
Vivian M. Dziardziel
Concerned Agawam Taxpayers



HAMPDEN COUNTY COMMISSION-ELECT Abe Kasparian of Agawam is pictured with U.S. Senator John Kerry at a Democratic rally earlier this month. Kasparian will be sworn-in as the first county commissioner from Agawam on January 1st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Kasparian To Be Sworn-In As Commissioner Jan. 1st

Please join in celebrating the inauguration of the first Hampden County Commissioner from Agawam by attending the swearing in ceremony of Abraham Kasparian, Jr., Hampden County Commissioner.

The Honorable Philip Contant, First Justice, will perform the swearing in to be held at the Hall of Justice, 50 State St., Springfield, Wednesday, January 1, 1997 at 12:00 noon.

Refreshments will be served immediately following the ceremony. Parking is available in the lower level of the Hall of Justice and on the street or parking garage around the Hall.

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Euliano Receives Recognition For Service To Health Bd.

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At the December 16th Town Council meeting, Board of Health Chairman F. William Euliano, Jr., was honored for his 12 years of dedicated service to the town with a citation presented by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and Town Council President Nancy Thompson.

Johnson called Euliano "one of the unsung heroes of our boards and commissions who never get paid a dime for their service to the town."

Johnson praised Euliano for his dedication to working for the betterment of the community in establishing one of the toughest Board of Health regulations in the state.

"Bill Euliano recently became a Certified Public Health Official, one of only a handful of people in the entire country to complete the program," Johnson said.

Ms. Thompson added, "Mr. Euliano is a very dedicated public servant and we're lucky to have him. He's one of only 29 individuals to have received this certification."

Representing the people of the Republic of Italy, Town Councilor Joseph Langone presented Euliano with citations honoring his exemplary service to the town from the Italian Consul General in Boston and the Vice-Consul for the Springfield Region.

Euliano credited the caliber of his fellow board members as the reason he pursued the certification program.

"The certification program is an opportunity to enhance your knowledge of the matters you have to deal with on a day-to-day basis," Euliano said.

Euliano said he had considered retiring from the board, but changed his mind after the new health agent, Randall White, was hired eight months ago.

"If the last eight months are any indication of where we're going, I want to stick around," Euliano said. "I like his (White's) style. He's easy to work with and I like the way he treats people."



BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER F. WILLIAM EULIANO was honored recently for his 12 years of dedicated to the service by town officials. **IN PHOTO LEFT**, Euliano receives a plaque from Town Councilor Joseph Langone who was representing the Italian Consul General in Boston. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, Town Council President Nancy Thompson and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson present Euliano with a plaque for his designation as a "Certified Public Health Official." Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 2, 1997 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed amendment to Chapter 180, Article VIII, Section 180-44(H) "Drive-In and Drive-Through Restaurants." A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office.

BY ORDER OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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Agawam Obituaries

Eugene M. Warner

Eugene M. Warner, 80, of Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, died at home. He was a retired employee of Smith & Wesson Co., Springfield, prior to retiring.

Born in Winamac, Indiana, he had lived in various locations prior to moving to Feeding Hills many years ago.

He served as president of the AFL-CIO, IUE Local 268 for four years. He was a longtime coach and organizer of various sporting teams, including Springfield Amateur Athletic Association, the Smith & Wesson entry of baseball, basketball, and hockey teams.

He served for three terms as president of the Springfield Memorial Golf Club and was chairman of the Nathan D. Bill city golf tournament for three years. He organized the Connecticut Valley Hockey League and officiated in the Springfield Football City League for six years. He was assistant coach of the state women's champions in softball.

He was a member of the Opera Appreciation Guild and a member of the Springfield Repertory Players.

The funeral was private, and the Wilbraham Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mary H. Egan

Mary H. (Harrington) Egan, 88, of 27 Wilson St., Agawam, died recently at home. Born and schooled in Westfield, she came here in 1945.

She was the office manager for the former Turcotte Manufacturing Co. for 20 years, and retired in 1973.

Her husband, M. Francis Egan, died in 1969. She leaves three sons, Michael F., Patrick, and Peter T. of Agawam; a brother, David of Westfield, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the Sacred Heart Church, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Clifford J. Gibson

Clifford J. Gibson, 81, of 238 Maple St., Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital. He was a 40-year bus driver for the former Springfield Street Railway, and retired in 1981.

The Veterans' Corner

Information On Persian Gulf Veterans

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) has begun new research on the health of Persian Gulf War veterans and their families, the latest step in a search for answers about the health consequences of that conflict.

Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Jesse Brown said, "While the health problems of any Persian Gulf veteran are important and deserve immediate attention, these veterans and their families also want long-term answers. For that, we need a controlled scientific basis to find prevalence of illnesses, how they may differ from a control group 'norm,' and whether early clues to high-risk associations can shed light on causes."

President Clinton established the Persian Gulf Veterans' Coordinating Board in January 1994 and asked VA to lead coordination of government-wide research efforts.

In the spring of 1995, President Clinton created the Persian Gulf Advisory Committee, a panel of scientific experts, physicians and veterans, to review research projects underway and make recommendations for future research by the federal government.

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Born in Holyoke, he lived in Springfield before moving here in 1949. He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. During World War II, he served in the Navy Seabees (construction battalions). He was a past president of the Springfield Street Railway Athletic Association and of the STRYCO Bowling League, and was a championship candlepin bowler at the former Riverside Lanes. He played the banjo at charity benefits.

He leaves his wife, the former Madeline L. Conte; a son, Clifford J. Jr. of East Granby, Connecticut; a daughter, Holly Gibson of Sausalito, California; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, with a service in the church and the burial in Enfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 393 Maple St., Springfield, 01105.

Joseph S. DiDonato

Joseph S. DiDonato, 83, of Agawam, a 22-year American Bosch Corp. employee, and formerly of Springfield, died at the city's Baystate Medical Center.

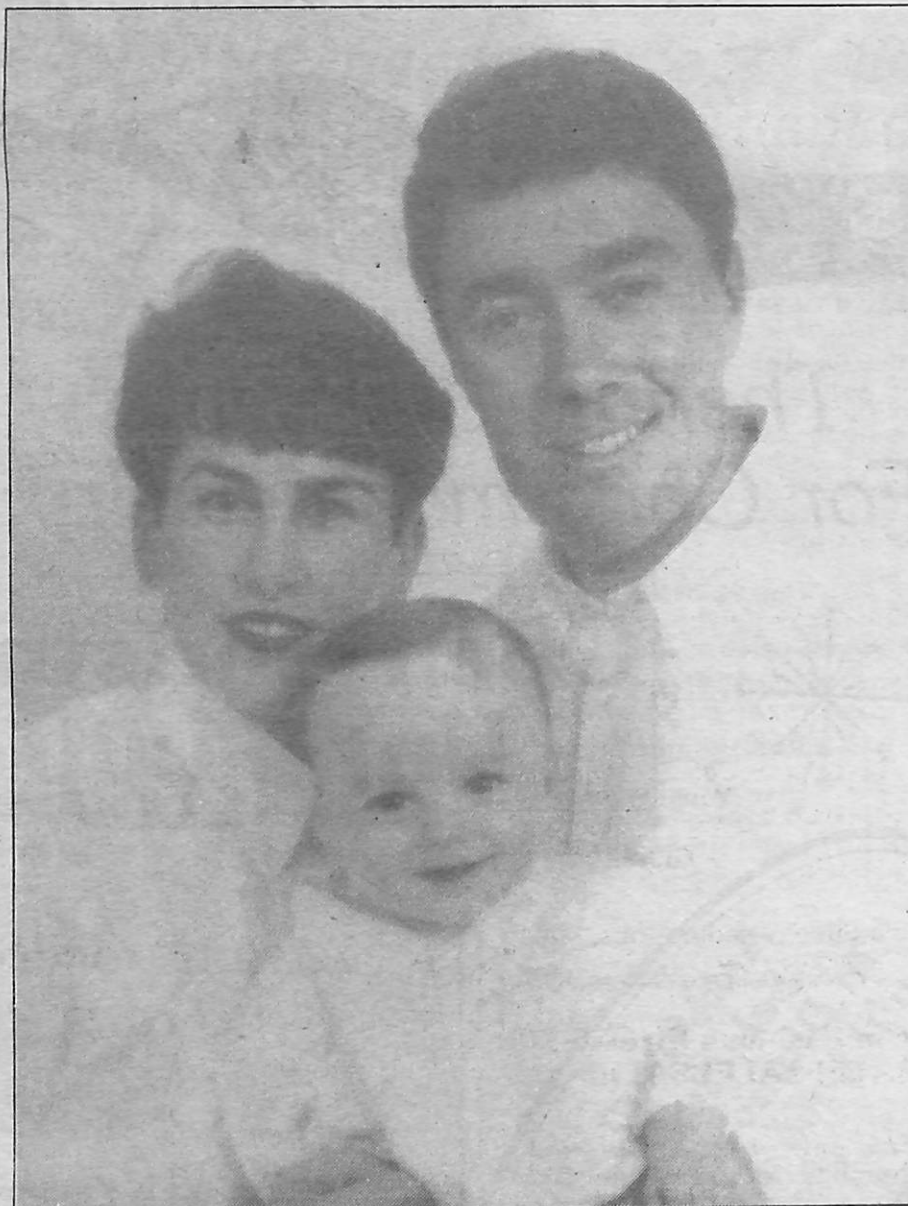
A lifelong resident, he served in the Army National Guard, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. He belonged to Golden Agers Chapter 2 and the Senior Center.

He leaves his wife, the former Almlra M. Natale; a son, Joseph S. Jr. of Waltham; a daughter, Marlene Lynds of West Springfield; a brother, Santi of Suffield, Connecticut; a sister, Anna Simone of Florida; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial at Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Association, 720 Harrison Ave., Boston, 02118.

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Today's firefighters do far more than fight fires. All firefighters must be trained to offer emergency medical care. They are the first ones called to deal with chemical and environmental emergencies ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to a gas leak.

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At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy they learn all these skills and more from certified fire instructors who are also experienced firefighters. Students learn all the basic skills they need to respond to fires and to contain and control them. They are also given training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, water rescue procedures, confined space rescue techniques, and rappelling.

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NEW AGAWAM FIREFIGHTER/EMT Kenneth Robishaw, Jr., is sworn-in by Town Clerk Richard Theroux as Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and Fire Chief David Pisano look on.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Q. Is there a Persian Gulf Syndrome?

A. Persian Gulf Syndrome is a term used by some people. It describes symptoms and illnesses reported by some Persian Gulf veterans who served in Operation Desert Shield/Storm in 1990 and 1991. But it's not a very accurate term.

Many highly respected scientific experts have reviewed the available information and concluded there is no single disease causing the illnesses of Persian Gulf veterans. In most, most of the veterans examined so far have many different but common medical problems that can be easily diagnosed.

Q. What symptoms and illnesses are Persian Gulf veterans having?

A. The most common symptoms reported by veterans who are part of VA's Persian Gulf registry program are fatigue, skin rash, muscle and joint pain, headache, and difficulty in concentrating.

The veterans also report forgetfulness, irritability, sleep problems, diarrhea, stomach cramps or intestinal problems, cough, and upper respiratory complaints.

Q. What is the VA doing to help Persian Gulf veterans with these problems?

A. VA is helping Persian Gulf veterans in many different ways. VA offers Persian Gulf registry exams, special eligibility for medical care and disability compensation. VA also is doing outreach and providing information to all interested Persian Gulf veterans.

If you would like to receive additional information on this subject, contact Ruth C. Bitzas, Veterans' Agent, at the Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236.

(Next issue: Continuation of "Information On Persian Gulf Veterans.")

Local Toastmasters To Meet Jan. 9th

Agawam/West Side Toastmasters Club will be having their holiday party on Thursday, January 9, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at Country Estates Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Route 75, Agawam.

New members will be inducted that evening, which promises to be a fun-filled night.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. Guests from all communities are always welcome.

Please call 789-1366 for more information.

Keenan To File Bike Path Bill If County Won't Play Ball With Town

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Next month, Hampden County Commissioners will be asked to grant an easement to build a multi-use trail on land it owns along the Connecticut River bank running alongside River Road from School Street to Borgatti Park or deed the land over to the Town of Agawam.

In the event that the commissioners refuse both requests, the state legislature will consider a bill filed by State Senator Linda Melconian and State Representative Daniel Keenan to "authorize and direct the county to convey an easement to the City known as the Town of Agawam for the purpose of a bike path."

With widespread support for Governor William Weld's proposal for the outright abolition of county government growing among the state's political leaders, Keenan said he was concerned that the issue would overshadow the bike path easement issue.

"We introduced the legislation to give us some insurance that the problems associated with the operation of Hampden County don't get in the way of a project so beneficial to the people of the county," Keenan said.

Keenan said his bill could complete the legislative process by the end of March.

Last week, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson confirmed he and Keenan are scheduled to appear before the county commission at their January 8th meeting at 1:45 p.m.

The commission has refused to grant an easement for the heart of the Agawam portion of phase one of the planned Connecticut Riverwalk and Bikeway that will eventually link the riverfront communities of Agawam, Springfield, Longmeadow, West Springfield, and Chicopee with a bicycle trail.

Commissioner-Elect Abe Kasparian said new language added to the easement document by Johnson satisfies his concerns over the county's

financial liability should injuries or accidents on the bike path result in legal action against the county.

"... An Indemnification Clause ..."

"There already was an indemnification clause protecting the county in the easement agreement," Kasparian said. "Now, Johnson is putting in some language to the effect that the Town of Agawam will pick up any reasonable attorney's fees if a suit is filed naming the county."

Kasparian said he has asked Johnson to draft legislation asking the County Commission to deed the land back to Agawam, if the commissioners fail to grant an easement.

"I'm hoping they'll agree to let the land go back to the town," Kasparian said.

Johnson said he will ask the commissioners to return the land to the town since the land is undevelopable for any purpose but a bike path.

"If they're concerned about liability, they can deed the land to us and we'll take care of it ourselves," Johnson said.

Commissioner Richard Thomas is expected to send a letter to the mayors and selectmen of the five Riverwalk communities outlining his plan for the county to retain control of the bike path and charge the cities and towns for maintenance and security.

Johnson said, "This is simply an exercise by the County Commissioners in trying to justify their own existence and put more money in their coffers."

Johnson said maintaining the bike path might require the addition of a summer DPW position, but the cost would be minimal.

Given its location along River Road, the bike path would not be difficult for the Police Department to monitor, especially with the bike patrol as part of the department's Community Policing Program, Johnson said.

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Agawam Historical & Fire House Museum

Despite Agawam's rich and varied history there has never been a museum in town to house and protect its historical treasures. Many Agawam families have held historic artifacts for generations waiting for such a time. With the recent dedication of the new Fire Department Headquarters on Main Street, the old fire house on Elm Street has been secured for use as a town historical museum.

After serving the town since 1918, the building must be renovated and adapted to its new use. The Agawam Historical Association asks your support for this worthwhile endeavor. Please consider membership in the Historical Association. We are also accepting direct contributions to our Museum Fund. Please fill out the information requested and return with your contribution to the Agawam Historical Association, Post Office Box 552, Agawam, Massachusetts 01001. Thank you for your support!

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Fire Breaks Out At Riviera Apartments

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Eight tenants have been forced to seek temporary housing with friends and relatives in the wake of a Friday night fire considered to be of suspicious origin, according to a fire department spokesman.

Agawam Fire Department Lieutenant Jim Brown said firefighters arrived at the Riviera Apartments on Riviera Drive (off River Road) shortly after 9:30 p.m. to find heavy smoke coming from the basement and first floor of the two-story buildings.

When they arrived on the scene, firefighters found most of the occupants of the building had been evacuated. But three residents, including a 97 year-old woman, were trapped in heavy smoke on a second-floor balcony.

While firefighters Frank Cavallo and Ron Giordano rescued the elderly woman using a ladder, the other two residents managed to make their way down the fire escape to safety.

No injuries were reported, and the elderly woman refused transport to the hospital after being examined by the EMT's at the scene.

Brown said the fire apparently started in a basement storage area behind closed doors, further complicating the work of finding and putting out the fire which had been burning for some time.

"Basement fires are particularly stubborn and difficult to put out because the lack of ventilation

leaves nowhere for the smoke and heat to go," Brown said. "If it has been on any other floor, we would have had it under control in 20 minutes, but this one took an hour to bring under control."

Brown Praises The Firefighters...

Brown said the 25 firefighters at the scene did a great job in bringing the blaze under control, considering the heavy smoke and the location of the fire.

"Even though there was an estimated \$75,000 in damages, we think this was a pretty good save," Brown said.

Ten apartments, eight along a common hallway, were affected by the fire.

Brown said the fire is being considered suspicious in nature and is under investigation by Agawam Fire Department Fire Inspector Louis Calabrese. The state fire marshal's office is expected to join the investigation.

While the firefighters from the headquarters group were at the scene of the blaze, West Springfield firefighters manned the station to provide coverage for the town.

Brown said it is not unusual for firefighters from surrounding towns to provide coverage during major fires.

"Our firefighters covered the Morgan Road Fire Station in West Springfield during fires at an adult video store on Riverdale Street and at two abandoned houses," Brown said.



SMOKE BILLOWS from a hatchway at the Riviera Apartments off River Road as Agawam firefighters prepare to move in. Eight tenants were forced to find temporary housing. **RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.**

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Fire Wise... by Fire Chief David Pisano

The majority of accidental fires in the home start in the kitchen. Property damage could be drastically reduced if people only knew what to do when confronted with a kitchen fire.

The Agawam Fire Department suggests the following steps when confronted with a fire in the kitchen:

- If the fire is confined to a pan on top of the stove, slide the lid across the pan and leave it there. Do not attempt to move the pan outdoors because you may burn yourself or spread the fire.
- Never throw water or flour on a burning pan. Water will spread the flames, and flour will actually explode!

- Do not turn on the exhaust fan over the stove. This would suck the fire inside the walls of your home. If the fire is in your oven, turn off the heat and leave the door closed to cut off the fire's air supply.

- Install a fire extinguisher in the kitchen. Make sure it is easily accessible in the event of a grease or oven fire. When purchasing a fire extinguisher for kitchen use, make sure the extinguisher is rated for Class ABC fires to insure its acceptability for use on kitchen fires.

- If the fire is inside the oven, close the oven door. This action should smother the fire.
- If the fire is too large to safely cover, or for

your fire extinguisher, leave the house immediately and call the fire department from a neighbor's telephone. Trying to fight a fire yourself when it's too large can cause far more extensive damage and can result in serious, unnecessary injury.

- As a preventive action, keep your cooking appliances (including stovetops, burners, ovens, and broilers) clean. Built-up grease can flare up easily, causing dangerous and damaging fires. And keep combustible materials (paper towels, dish towels, paper bags, cookbooks, and food packaging) away from the stove or other heat source.

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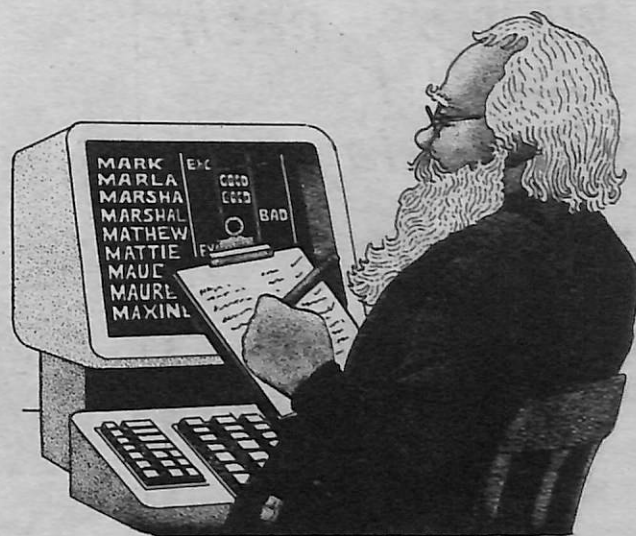
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Regular Town Council Meeting Agenda For Monday, January 6th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 12/16/96
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-96-33-A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Charles R. Calabrese, 10 Woodside Dr., Agawam, MA to the Agawam Planning Board for a Term to Expire January 1, 2002 (Mayor).

2. TR-96-34-A Resolution Supporting the Siting of a State Veterans' Cemetery in Agawam and Encouraging the Commonwealth of Mass. to Provide the Necessary Funding to Plan, Design and Construct the Cemetery (Mayor, Coun. Bitzas, Ruth Bitzas, Veterans' Agent).

3. TR-96-35-A Resolution to Honor Edward Squazza for his Extraordinary Generosity in Donating Land for a New State Veterans' Cemetery (Mayor, Coun. Bitzas, Ruth Bitzas, Veterans' Agent).

7. Report of Council Committees

8. Elections

- (a)
1. TE-97-1-Election of City Council President.
2. TE-97-2-Election of City Council Vice President.

3. TE-97-3-Election of a regular meeting of the Board of Appeals to a term expiring January 1, 2000.

4. TE-97-4-Election of an alternate member of the Board of Appeals to a term expiring January 1, 2002.

9. Public Hearings

- (a)
1. PH-97-1-(TO-96-35)-Application for Class II Dealer Licence, H & M Cycles, 74 Garden St., FH, MA (Conduct Public Hearing).

10. Old Business

- (a)
1. TOR-96-9-An Ordinance to Amend Section 155-10E of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Snow and Ice Removal - Penalty) (Mayor) (Refer. to Ordin. Comm. on 12/16/96) (1st Reading).

2. TO-96-33-Application for weekly amusement license for Johnny's, Inc., 360 N. Westfield St., FH, MA for 1 piano player, or violinist, or acoustic guitar player.

3. TO-96-34-Application for video permit for Johnny's, Inc., 360 N. Westfield St., FH, MA for two (2) video machines.

Riviera Apartments Site Of Evening Blaze



HEAVY SMOKE was one of the major problems for Agawam firefighters when battling a blaze at the Riviera Apartments off River Road on Friday night, December 20th. **RELATED STORY AND PHOTO ON PREVIOUS PAGE.** Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Ed Carroll Just Felt Time Was Right To Sell Riverside After 56-Year Run

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The latest casualty of the amusement park equivalent to the cold war arms race, Riverside Park has been sold to the nation's fourth-largest regional theme park company.

At a recent press conference, Premier Parks, Inc., of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, announced plans to purchase the region's last family-owned and operated amusement park and construct an inverted, suspended, and looping roller coaster as part of its \$10 million plan for improving the park.

Signaling the end of the Carroll family's 56-year ride at Riverside, owner/operator Edward Carroll, Jr. said Premier Parks offered the synergism, creativity, and access to capital needed to assure Riverside's ability to compete in a market demanding the continual addition of expensive rides and attractions.

Echoing the message first heard two years ago during the often acrimonious debate over the possibility of siting a casino on the grounds of the park, Carroll said it was time to sell the park to a company capable of taking it to new heights.

"After initial discussions, it became crystal clear to me that Premier Parks was the right company for Riverside," Carroll said.

Premier's Chairman and CEO, Kieran Burke, said the company was thrilled to add Riverside to its growing roster of theme parks.

"It's a great park with a storied history and a diversified entertainment platform to build on. The market area is substantial, and our research shows it will respond quite well to a first-class, family-oriented theme park with major league attractions and rides," Burke said.

Facing the possibility of competition from a \$200 million Six Flags Theme Park attached to the Foxwoods Casino in North Stonington, Connecticut, and the surety of \$30 million of improvements (including an infusion of \$12 million from the State of Connecticut) at Lake Compounce, Carroll said, "It was a case of looking at the competition and realizing we would not be able to keep up. We don't have access to the venture capital needed for the new, expensive rides the public expects and demands."

"During the casino discussions, I know people thought Riverside is doing great. It's always been there and it always will be. But, here we are two years later, looking down the road at the future of the company and where we'd be in five years. We had to act now," he said.

Premier Parks Satisfied Carroll's Four Criteria...

Confident that he is leaving the park launched by his father on May 29, 1940 in good hands, Carroll said Premier Parks satisfied his four criteria in looking for a buyer: maintaining the traditions of the company; taking care of the needs of his family; providing job security for the majority of the staff; and demonstrating a commitment to carrying on Riverside's relationship with the community.

"The time we've had has been wonderful. Our relationship with the community has been great," Carroll said. "There's no question this is an emotional time for us. It's been a very good run for the Carroll family and we're going to miss it."

Carroll said he would stay on in his present capacity assisting the new management team during the transition in ownership, at least until the park's opening in the spring. After that, his plans are not finalized.

"I've been in this business all my life. I'm sure something will come up," Carroll said.

Asked what he would miss most about the park that has been a second home all his life, Carroll said, "I'll miss the magic of opening the park each day. The popcorn popping; the rides getting started; people coming to work. Before we open, the place is like an empty football stadium waiting for the crowds and the game to begin. It's like putting on a Broadway show: once the curtain goes up, everything comes alive - that's the magic I'll miss."

Carroll's sons, Ed and Bill, both general counsels for the park, are expected to remain through the transition phase, but plans beyond the next few months are uncertain.

"The deal with Premier came about pretty quickly, so that leaves a lot of us Carrolls wondering what we're going to do next," Bill Carroll said. "Riverside has attached me to the area and I've spent so much time there, I'm anxious to try something geographically different. I've lived in Chicago and Washington, D.C., and I've been longing for a move to a big city, possibly Boston."

"It won't be easy to leave the place that's been the family's second home, where the kids' birthday parties were held; where the rides and the demolition derbies were always so interesting to a kid; and where you went on a Friday night to meet girls," he added.

But, there's a downside to owning a family business and that likely won't be missed.

"With the park open 12 hours a day, seven days a week for three months, we didn't get much chance to think about anything but Riverside," Bill Carroll said. "One thing's for sure, Riverside won't always be the topic of conversation around the Carroll dinner table. We're probably going to talk about golf."

Sense Of Excitement From The Employees...

After some initial concern over the changes that will be taking place, the general reaction from Riverside employees has been a sense of excitement at the opportunity to become the leader in the industry that the park has always been, Ed Carroll said.

The Carroll family's involvement with Riverside will continue through an ownership interest in Premier Parks.

Season passes can be purchased for the 1997 season at last year's prices at the Riverside marketing department or at a kiosk at Holyoke Mall through the end of the year.

Premier Parks owns and operates 10 regional theme parks and water adventure parks located in nine different geographic markets. The company's properties are Adventure World Theme Park, between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Maryland; Darien Lake Theme Park and Camping Resort, between Buffalo and Rochester, New York; Geauga Lake, Cleveland, Ohio; Wyandot Lake, Columbus, Ohio; Frontier City and White Water Bay theme parks in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Elitch Gardens Amusement Park, Denver, Colorado; WaterWorld USA water adventure parks in Concord and Sacramento, California; and The Great Escape and Splashwater Kingdom Theme Park in Lake George, New York.

Premier Parks is a publicly held company (NASDAQ: PARK) with corporate offices in New York City and Oklahoma City.

RIVERSIDE PARK OWNER AND OPERATOR Edward J. Carroll, Jr., stands in front of "Carroll Blvd." in Riverside Park last week. Carroll and his family have sold the park to Premier Parks of Oklahoma after owning New England's largest amusement park for 56 years. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Little Dissent On Plan For 110-Foot Coaster At Riverside

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

A smooth ride seems likely for Zoning Board of Appeals approval of a plan to build the first new major attraction at Riverside Park since 1989.

Riverside's new owner, Premier Parks, is seeking a special permit to exceed the 40-foot height limit in order to construct a 110-foot-high looping, suspended roller coaster on a site adjacent to the Riverside Speedway.

Premier Parks CEO Kieran Burke said the state-of-the-art roller coaster would be fun and exciting for the park's customers. He said the coaster would not add to the noise level already associated with running the amusement park and is considerably lower in height than the current Big Wheel and the Skycoaster.

The ride, which harnesses riders into a scoop-like seat leaving their arms and legs dangling, is specifically designed to be quiet, Burke said.

In the face of stiff competition from Lake Compounce in Bristol, Connecticut, new rides and attractions are essential if Riverside is to maintain economic viability and retain the 100 full-time and 2,000 summer jobs, Burke said.

With 18 percent of the summer jobs going to Agawam and Feeding Hills residents, and 1,500 season pass holders living here, the town is going to be interested in this new attraction, Burke said.

"There is a compelling need for the park to have these types of rides to remain competitive," Burke said. "It will be located by the racetrack, so there's no issue with the setback from the road, and it will be a good distance from the neighbors."

About a half-dozen neighbors to the park asked questions about the noise level of the new ride, its exact placement in the park, and whether any new lighting associated with the new attraction would be shining into their homes. Some expressed concern over the adequacy of parking lot security.

Burke encouraged the neighbors to call the park if speakers or lighting was misdirected toward their homes.

"... Committed To The Community ..."

"We are as committed to the community as the Carroll family has been," Burke said. "We'll do whatever we can to minimize the distractions of living next door to a theme park."

By the time the hearing was adjourned, the neighbors had no objections to the new ride, and they entered their support for the project into the hearing record.

ZBA Chairman Ronald Hebert said the hearing would be reopened in January, after the board has made a site inspection.

"We're going to have to chew over the data they've given us. We want a site visit to acclimate ourselves to the actual site. It's been a while since we've been out there, and we want to be sure everything about the site is as we remember it," Hebert said.

Since the new ride is consistent with the present use of the park, Hebert said he did not think there would be any problem granting the special permit.

Hebert said he did not believe the planned ride would need the approval of the Planning Board, but new regulations could cause delays at the Conservation Commission.

"Conservation will be the biggest issue with this ride being so close to the river," Hebert said.

The new roller coaster is expected to be ready in time for the park's April 19th opening day at a cost of \$8 to \$10 million.

With Winter's Arrival, Ag. DPW Offers Info On Shoveling, Parking

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to advise residents of the ordinances regulating on-street winter parking between November 15th and April 15th.

The Department of Public Works has been empowered to declare on-street parking bans for the purpose of snow and ice removal and to tow any vehicles parked on streets in violation of these bans. Any person whose vehicle is removed is responsible for the cost of towing and storage and is subject to an additional fine in the amount of \$25.

It is the intent of the Department of Public Works to declare bans against any on-street parking whenever a snowstorm of plowable magnitude is forecast. Residents should tune to local radio and television stations or the Community Bulletin Board on Cable TV Channel 5 for

announcements of bans.

In order for the Department to efficiently and effectively clear snow, it is important that no vehicles be parked on the streets. Parked vehicles result in ridges of snow and ice that reduce the travelled width of the roadway and endanger the public. Costly repaving is required to clear the residue. Residents should be forewarned that the Department will remove vehicles violating any parking ban.

Residents are also advised that it is their responsibility to remove snow and control ice on the sidewalks in front of their homes and businesses. Sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours of the end of a storm. The Department of Public Works is only empowered to plow sidewalks on major streets where children are required to walk to school.

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Families

Celebration Of Christmas Has Orgins Dating Back Centuries

by Edith LaFrancis
Town Historian

Christmas has become not just December 25th but a whole season, from the Festival of Lights to the Russian Orthodox date of January 7th. All religions and ethnic groups in Agawam as well as other towns are taking part more than ever.

The origin of Christmas as a time of celebration is very old. European countries all contributed their special legends, customs, and religious events. Some beliefs or practices go back almost to pagan days.

All have become mixed and blended; the giving of gifts, the decorating of a tree, church services, singing of carols, lighting of lights, rushing back and forth through crowded stores, cooking in the home kitchen, and the coming of Santa Claus and Father Frost.

Here in New England, history records some differences. The celebration of Christmas was banned in Boston in the year 1657. This was done to "prevent disorders caused by some people still observing such festivities as were superstitiously kept in other countries." This ruled out the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Local magistrates considered Merry England to be too merry. However, the rule was abolished in 1681 when Old England was trying to force the new colonies to conform.

But the idea that the celebration was either pagan revelry or Papist idolatry persisted for over a century in Massachusetts. This is actually set down in Agawam diaries.

On one particular December 25th in the 1800's, Judson Worthington wrote, "Worked in the shop all day. Went up to Mr. Morgan's in the evening."

James Bagg was visiting relatives in New York City on Christmas Day in 1847. He was amazed that the city was so different from New England. He noted that "all businesses are closed." The dinner was a feast reminding him of a New England Thanksgiving.

Samuel Flower's note for 1853: "Sabbath Christmas. No preaching in our church. Went to the Methodist meeting in the afternoon."

December 25, 1854: "Went up to Mr. Morley's. Nothing of importance today."

After the time of the Civil War, customs began to change in Agawam. Christmas trees and gift-giving became common. The birth of Jesus was noted in the churches. By 1900, the day was celebrated with family gatherings and feasting,



preparations for which began the week before.

Throughout the years in which new traditions and folkways were brought over by immigrants, one important custom remained the same: that was remembering the poor with gifts of food and clothing.

Sharing is still a part of this season of celebration, a season which brightens up the dark days of winter.

Agawam Golden Age Clubs' Calendar Of January Activities

January 1st: Chapter 2 — "Happy New Year" (meeting cancelled).

January 3rd: Chapter 1 — Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

January 8th: Chapter 1 — Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with a New Year's party.

January 15th: Chapter 2 — Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with gift bingo.

January 22nd: Chapter 1 — Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with program to be announced at a later date.

January 24th: Chapter 2 — Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Springfield Turnverein Schedules Big Bash For New Year's Eve

You are invited to attend the annual New Year's Eve party at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street in Feeding Hills, on Tuesday, December 31st.

A prime rib dinner will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., with a wine toast to welcome in the new year. Reservations may be made with Christa at 786-0143, or at the Club at 786-0924. Deadline for reservations is December 26th.

There will be music for every age group. In the Siever Hall (large hall), we will have the sounds of the "After Hours" D.J. In the Astaldi Hall (lower level), we will have Ed Hendela playing. Hats and noisemakers will be available for all.

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The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 2, 1997 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Fether, Inc. for a Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Willow Glenn Estates II." The proposed subdivision consists of 28 lots to be located between Lancaster Drive and Sheri Lane.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board

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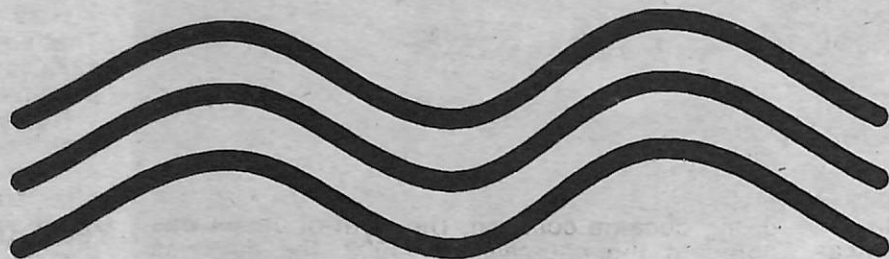
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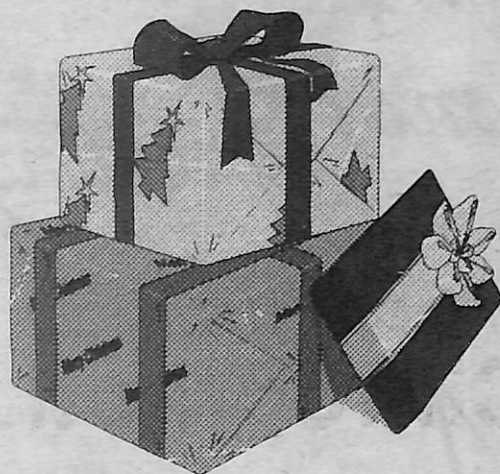
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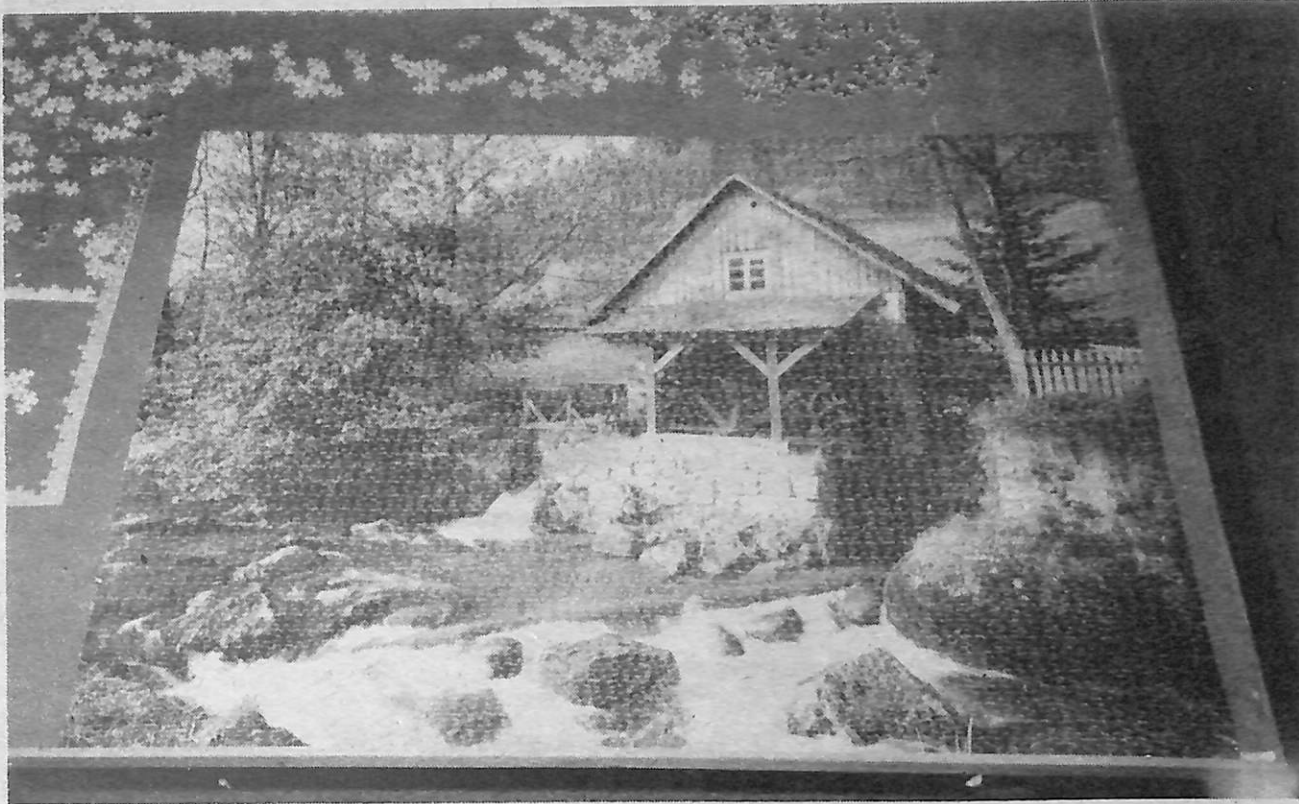
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AGAWAM SENIOR CITIZENS at the Senior Center recently completed this 3,000 piece jigsaw puzzle of the Watermill in the Black Forest of Germany.

3,000 Piece Jigsaw Puzzle Completed At Ag. Senior Center

A number of people who attend the Agawam Senior Center are "hooked on jigsaw puzzles" and recently completed a 3,000-piece puzzle of the Watermill in the Black Forest of Germany.

The puzzle was spread out on a table that was specially designed and built for this purpose in the Center's hall by Harold Davis. The table is four feet by five feet.

Anyone interested can approach the table and put pieces together. This exceptionally large puzzle was started on September 3rd and completed on December 9th. The puzzle was dark with a brown watermill, stone walls, and a lot of dark

green shrubbery.

Dave Barden, who worked on the puzzle, said that one person would work on the walls, one on the building, and another on the greenery. They came and went according to their own time. Many people worked on it, among them Bob Fornier, Edythe Chiba, Betty LaPage, Barden, Laura Dugan, and Jeannette Poirier.

The puzzle was loaned to the Center by Marion Whiteside. The puzzle enthusiasts are now working on a jigsaw puzzle of a multi-sailed clipper ship on sunlit water.

Feeding Hills Co-Ed Enjoyed Internship With Mayor Albano

How would you like to read the mayor's mail? That's exactly what Kathy Arenstam, who lives at 137 Clover Hill Drive in Feeding Hills, had the opportunity to do this summer.

Kathy, a junior at Western New England College, served an internship in Mayor Michael Albano's office in Springfield for seven weeks after school ended. Her job was called "constituent aid work." In other words, if somebody complained, Kathy saw to it that their concerns were met.

"People thought the mayor could fix anything," Kathy says. "Everybody who called or wrote to his office got a reply if they gave us their name and address. That's the mayor's policy. Sometimes, it may not be the answer they want, but their concerns are acknowledged."

Kathy, who graduated from Agawam High in 1994, saw the internship as a way to understand just how government works. "I'm a sociology major at Western New England and that's a really broad field," she notes. "There's not just one thing you have to go into."

In an internship at Western New England College, a student works for academic credit rather than salary. This particular internship was arranged through Maureen Pollard of the College's Office of Career & Human Resources and Tim Reilly, the mayor's press secretary and office manager, with the approval of Professor Richard Luxton, the chair of the College's Department of Human Studies. When asked why she chose the city of Springfield, Kathy noted a larger city was more suited to the academic purpose of her internship. "Springfield offered a wider variety of different issues," she says. "I also wanted to do something for the city because I live here, too, in a campus dorm."

Kathy noted that the complaints she worked on were basically every day problems such as people wanting their sidewalks repaired or their streets swept or the worry that maybe a neighbor's cat had rabies. After getting the pertinent information, Kathy contacted the appropriate city agency and generated a letter for Mayor Albano's

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Agawam Senior Center's Calendar Of Events & Activities For January

Wednesday, January 1st: Senior Center closed (New Year's Day).

Saturday, January 4th: Bingo (doors open at 5:30 p.m.).

Monday, January 6th: 1:00 p.m., bingo.

Tuesday, January 7th: 9:30 a.m., SHINE representative (Trudy) will be available to assist you with your health care questions (by appointment - first and third Tuesdays of each month); 11:45 a.m., birthdays and anniversaries celebrated; if you have occasion to celebrate either, call in to reserve; 12:30 p.m., movie; 1:00 p.m., blood pressure check.

Wednesday, January 8th: 10:00 a.m., S.A.L.T. meeting (open to the public); 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter I.

Thursday, January 9th: 9:00 a.m., podiatry with Dr. Salem (by appointment).

Friday, January 10th: 9:30 a.m., organizational meeting with "Book Discussion Group"; all book reading enthusiasts are welcome.

Saturday, January 11th: 5:30 p.m., bingo.

Monday, January 13th: 1:00 p.m., bingo.

Tuesday, January 14th: 12:30 p.m., movie.

Wednesday, January 15th: 1:30 p.m., Golden

Agers' meeting, Chapter II.

Thursday, January 16th: 9:00 a.m., foot care nurses (by appointment); 10:00 a.m., A.S.G.A. meeting.

Saturday, January 18th: 5:30 p.m., bingo.

Monday, January 20th: Senior Center closed (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day).

Tuesday, January 21st: 9:00 a.m., SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders - by appointment); 12:30 p.m., movie; 1:00 p.m., free blood pressure check (no appointment needed).

Wednesday, January 22nd: 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter I.

Saturday, January 25th: 5:30 p.m., bingo.

Monday, January 27th: 1:00 p.m., meeting of Agawam AARP chapter.

Tuesday, January 28th: 12:30 p.m., movie; 2:00 p.m., Attorney Teryl Deegan (by appointment).

Friday, January 31st: 12:30 p.m. program - "Misconception In Funeral Planning" and more, with Troy Matthews.

SENIOR CENTER BRIEFS

12:30 SPECIAL PROGRAM:

On Friday, January 31st, an update on an old subject is on tap and justifiably named "Misconception In Funeral Planning." The short program will be presented by Troy Matthews, and a few areas he will cover are "What benefits are available for me and my family?" — Social Security, veterans' benefits, state and government programs — and "How does Medicare affect my family and planning for my funeral?"

This is a well-planned, short presentation that all can benefit from. See you on the 31st???

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:

An organizational meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 10th, at 9:30 a.m. If anyone is interested in joining this interesting group, please call in to reserve your space.

There is no charge for this activity. For further information, call 786-0400, ext. 242 (Sandra Smith, Activities Director).

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signature to send to the complainant. Occasionally, there really was nothing that could be done at the moment—for instance, sidewalk projects are two years behind schedule due to a lack of funding. In this case, the resident who asked about sidewalk projects received a letter explaining the situation and giving the name and phone number of an individual in the Department of Public Works for further information. In most cases, however, Kathy was able to contact a city employee to take care of the problem in a timely manner.

"The hardest part of the job was learning which agencies handled which problems," she said. "I had to rely on a lot of help from the people in my office for the first few days." Kathy notes that the mayor's staff includes four others who also handled constituent aid as part of their duties that she could depend on for help.

Reilly commented that, "We threw her into her job right away and it's difficult to answer phones and listen to complaints. Sometimes, we get yelled at a lot and have to take it. Then you have to learn which city agencies handle which problems. Kathy was very, very good. She learned how to interact with department heads to get problems solved. She did an excellent job."

Kathy agreed with Reilly's assessment about the difficulty of working with the public. "It's a hard day. You get a lot of complaints and sometimes it's hard to maintain a cheerful attitude."

Kathy's duties also included watching the government work from their perspectives. She attended a number of press conferences held by the mayor and on one occasion, attended an economic seminar on the city which was held at a place she was already quite familiar with—the Western New England College campus. "We encourage our interns to attend meetings on topics they're interested in," Reilly said. "Kathy took advantage of that and got a feel for just how a mayor's office operates in a middle size city like Springfield."

Kathy also sat in on Women's Commission meetings, attended meetings with Congressman Richard Neal, helped with press work for news conferences, and attended a press conference in which District Attorney William Bennett proposed new guidelines for the "Springfield Partnership for Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence" Task Force.

"They also opened a special 'Taste of Springfield' one day early for the mayor and other dignitaries at the Basketball Hall of Fame and we got to go," she notes. "They also gave up free coupons for the 'Taste.'"

When asked if she would be interested in going into government as a career, Kathy demurred. "I'm not really sure yet what direction I want to take. I can do another internship next summer and I think I want to try something different," she said.

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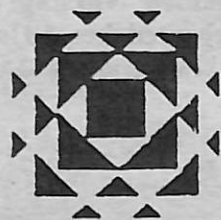
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Monday, December 30th: Open-faced turkey sandwich, mashed potato with gravy, butternut squash, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, December 31st: Beef stew (beef, potatoes, carrots, celery, onions), tossed salad, hot biscuit, ice cream.

Wednesday, January 1st: Happy New Year! (Senior Center closed.)

Thursday, January 2nd: Vegetable lasagna, tossed salad, rye bread, tapioca pudding.

Friday, January 3rd: Seafood salad on roll, baked beans, cole slaw, pineapple.

Monday, January 6th: Country pie (hamburg, rice, tomato, cheese), broccoli & cauliflower, oatmeal bread, banana.

Tuesday, January 7th: Birthdays and anniversaries — pineapple juice, stuffed shells, green beans, rye bread, cake.

Wednesday, January 8th: Chicken breast, sweet potato, cabbage, wheat bread, applesauce with raisins.

Thursday, January 9th: Escarole soup, pizza (cheese, pepperoni, hamburger), tossed salad, tapioca pudding.

Friday, January 10th: Baked fish, potato puffs, carrots, rye bread, peaches and pears.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)



ALICE CONNELL, a resident of Country Estates Rehab & Skilled Nursing facility on Suffield Street, celebrated her 101st birthday on December 18th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Alice Connell Feted On 101st Birthday At Country Estates

Alice Connell turned 101 years-old on December 18, 1996. She lived in Springfield all of her life and is a charter member of the Dante Club in West Springfield, a member of the Carew Street branch of the Golden Agers, and was an active member of St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. Her husband, Edward Connell, died in 1973.

She has been a resident at the Country Estates Nursing Home in Agawam since last January. Until then, she lived alone with help from the Greater Springfield Senior Services.

Alice is keeping busy and says, "Everyone here is so wonderful to me, and they give me anything I want." She enjoys watching TV, especially her cooking programs and her concerts on Channel 57.

Everyone loves her and she loves them. She tells them all about the "olden days" when she would make her famous apple pies.

She has three nieces: Betty Bailey of Agawam, Irene Corbin of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Jean Wynne of Springfield, and several grandnieces and nephews.

Her favorite foods are apple pie and French fries from McDonald's. You can always find Alice sitting by the porch and looking out at the houses, or in the activities room attending morning Mass, bingo, and all the other things that go on there.

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SOME OF THE GOLDEN AGERS who attended the Chapter I Christmas Dinner at Chez Josef on December 11th were Ernestine Book, Arthur Book, Lino Gatti, Althea Cowles, and Gurtrud Duvell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB Chapter I members, from left - Tess Tricinella, Mary DelNegro (president), Eva DeGrandpre (table arranger), and Elsie Liucci all attended the Annual Christmas Dinner at Chez Josef on December 11th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TAKING TICKETS at the door of the recent Annual Christmas Dinner for the Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter I are Loretta Wright, Rose Paro, and Dolores Gatti. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter I Rings In The Holidays With Annual Dinner

Chapter 1 of the Agawam Golden Age Club held its annual Christmas dinner in the Tivoli Banquet Room at Chez Josef in Agawam on December 11th. The beautifully decorated lobby and banquet room helped to set the mood for a festive afternoon. Many seniors enjoyed the egg nog and refreshments during the social hour while visiting with friends.

The President, Mary DelNegro, led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a prayer and blessing of the food. A toast to everyone was made by Edward Orgonek, who had made all the arrangements for this special day.

Cecilia Rebecchi, program chairperson, introduced the Melody Boys Plus One of Springfield as the entertainers for the afternoon. They did a super job of entertaining us with many Christmas songs and invited everyone to join in singing along with them.

Eve DeGrandpre was in charge of table assignment, and Rose Paro and Loretta Wright were in charge of ticket sales and special meal tickets.

The President thanked everyone who had worked on this special event. It was an enjoyable afternoon for all who attended.

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Senior Athletes Hold 1st Christmas Bazaar



THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER "Senior Games Athletes" held their first Christmas Bazaar on December 7th. From left - Angelo & Chris Polumbo; MIDDLE PHOTO - Hal Deyo and Desiree M. Jacobs; PHOTO RIGHT - Vi Presz, Lena Peloquin, and Ginny Ingram. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

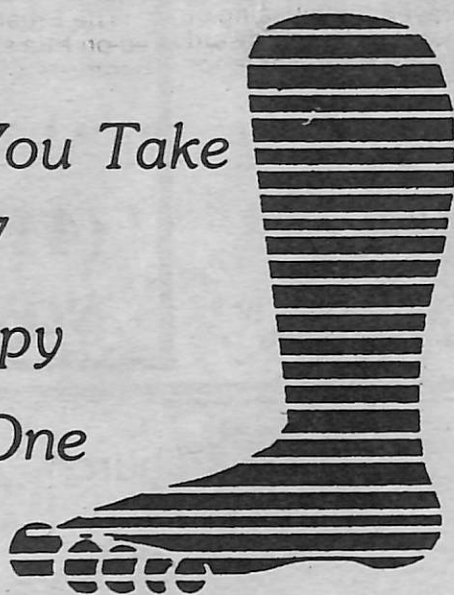
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CHILDREN AT FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & RACQUET CLUB were also treated to a Christmas party by the staff on Tuesday, December 17th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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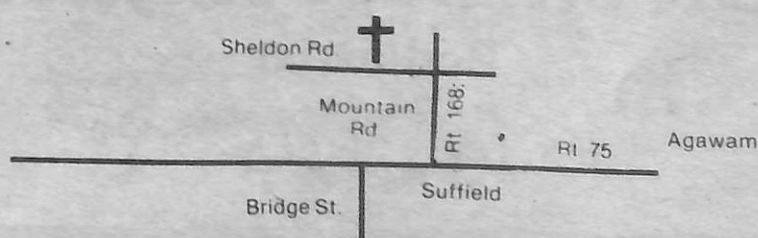
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Commerce High Class Of '42 Planning 55th Reunion

The High School of Commerce Class of January 1942 is planning a 55th Reunion in May 1997. The committee is searching for any information, an address, and/or phone number of the following classmates:

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Also, Dorothy A. (Johnson) Coyle, Lillian Licker, Marjorie A. (McCombe) Shyts, Winifred L. Medicke, Russell R. Meshurel, Mary R. Murphy, Loretta E. Murry, Linda S. Muscolino, Arthur R. Perkins, Kathryn F. Sullivan, June A. Tomlinson, Mary E. (Wallace) Brown.

Anyone with any information as to their whereabouts may contact Sylvia (Travaglia) Forastiere, Chairman or any committee member: Gladys (Cole) McMahon, Pearl (Glushein) Cowen, Matilda Anzalotti, Madeline (Figoni) Raina, Maryann (Gironda) Pappas, Arthur Hottin, Wally Beach, or Kenneth Howe.

Tech Class Of 1947 Slates 50th Reunion For June 1997

Springfield Technical High School's Class of 1947 announces its 50th Reunion celebration will be held in June 1997 at the Ramada Inn, West Springfield.

A three-day weekend of events is planned, including Classmate Reception, Friday evening, June 20th; Banquet, Dancing, and Entertainment, Saturday evening, June 21st; and Farewell Breakfast, Sunday, June 22nd.

For more information, or if you can help locate classmates, please call Walter at 525-2979, Al at 525-7020, or Marion at 572-3060.

Some classmates not located are: Caesar Capodagli, Diane Colton Maklary, Joseph A. Coppola, Chester Dzwilewski, Earl Mori, Frank Okarmus, Ray B. Smith, Henry Swieskowski, Anna Vetti Allen, and Peter E. Zakowich.



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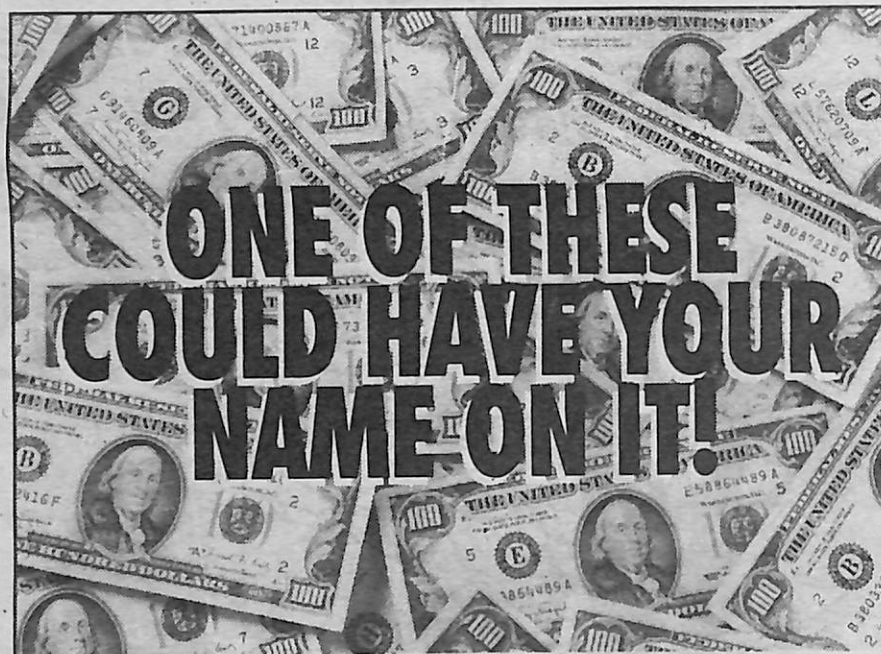


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Church News

Father John Sheaffer Being Reassigned From St. John's

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He will be replaced at St. John's by Fr. William Lunney.

There will be a Parish reception for Fr. Jack on Sunday afternoon, January 5, 1997 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. All friends and parishioners are welcome.

The following children were Baptized recently at St. John's:

Lauren Elizabeth Blanchard, daughter of Jeffrey C. and Dorothy A. Blanchard.

Zachary Stocking Housman, son of Randall S. and Kimberly A. Housman.

Sarah Jean Kopec, daughter of John E. and Patricia M. Kopec.

Anthony David Martin, son of Gerald T. and Dr. Kimberly Martin.

Justin Tyler Sood, son of Sanjay and Debra Sood.

Danielle Louise Stratton, daughter of David J. and Nicole Stratton.

Meatloaf Dinner Scheduled At Agawam Congregational Church

The Catering Committee of the Agawam Congregational Church will hold a meatloaf dinner on January 18th at 5:30 p.m.

The menu will include meatloaf, baked potatoes with sour cream, vegetables, rolls, dessert, and beverages.

The cost is \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children.

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"A Barn Child" At Agawam Congregational



THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH will present "A Barn Child," its annual Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, December 24th. Pictured above are some of the children and parishioners who are involved in the presentation. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

PLEASE REMEMBER that Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice to cover your events. Call Jack at 789-0053.



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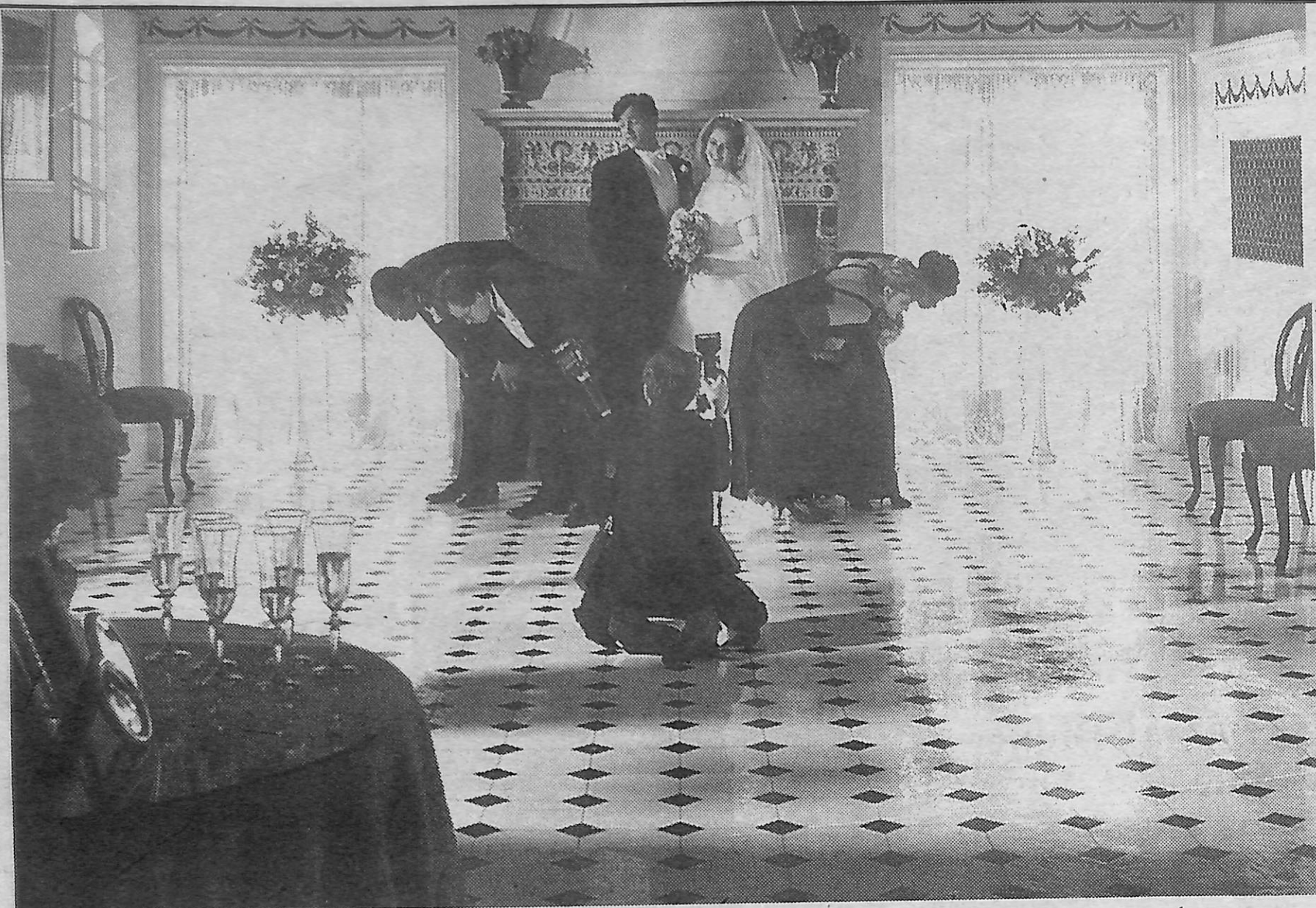
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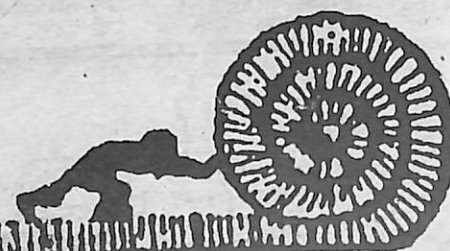
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Reflections...

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In anticipation of my 12th birthday, my mother repeatedly told me I was going to receive the most wonderful birthday present imaginable. I imagined the most wonderful birthday present I could get would be a mini-bike. Every time my mother mentioned the wonderful birthday present I was going to get, a mini-bike immediately appeared in my mind.

The appointed day finally arrived, and I could hardly wait for my parents to roll my new mini-bike out. To my severe disappointment, I got a pair of moccasins instead. Not only that, but it was some kind of a kit that I had to assemble. It hardly needs to be said that my mother's idea of the most wonderful birthday present and mine were at great variance.

In anticipation of the coming of the Messiah on that first Christmas, God had been making promises to the world about the most wonderful present imaginable. There was a promise God made to His servant King David, when David wanted to build God a temple.

"The Lord declares to you that the Lord Himself will establish a house for you. When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish His kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish His kingdom forever. I will be His father, and He will be my son."

Obviously, none of King David's immediate descendants lived forever. Only later, about 1,000 years after David was king, did God's promise come to pass. Matthew's gospel begins as follows: *"An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham."*

God had promised the world that one day a Savior would come, who would solve the problem of our sin which separates us from God. Virtually every book of the Old Testament makes some reference to this promise. God made a big promise, and God delivered! God did not promise something spectacularly fantastic and then produce something of questionable appeal.

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity dwells in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ. Moreover, since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death, that is, the devil. For this reason, He had to be made like His brothers in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. Through Jesus Christ, God reconnects people to Himself.

What can we do to receive God's most wonderful present? We can emulate a frightened teenage girl named Mary, when she was visited by the angel Gabriel. He told her God was going to bless and honor her, but it wouldn't be easy. Mary's response to Gabriel, and to God, was: *"May it be to me as you have said."*

In other words, Mary said "yes" to God, in faith. Mary received God's most wonderful present. Each of us can do that, too.

Christmas Bazaar At St. John's Church



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH held its Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 7th in the Parish Center. IN PHOTO LEFT - Mickie Adelman (co-chairwoman of bazaar), Betsy Ciempa (co-chairwoman), Rita Moore (clock committee) and Jean Brusseau (clock committee). Walter Milewski (not pictured made the clock). PHOTO RIGHT - Marion Mathieu, Evelyn Romano, Helen Merklein, Antoninette Circosta, Jane Trevethan, Alice Pietroniro, and Paula Raiche (co-chairwoman). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, December 29th, is the first Sunday after Christmas. The Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's sermon will be "My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation," taken from Luke 2:22-40. The children's message will be "Look Into Their Eyes."

There is no Midweek Service on Wednesday, January 1st. The Midweek Service will resume on Wednesday, January 8th, at 7:00 p.m.

The Catering Committee will have a meatloaf dinner on January 18th at 5:30 p.m.

The menu will include meatloaf, baked potatoes with sour cream, vegetables, rolls, dessert, and beverages.

The cost is \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children. Make your reservations by calling the church office at 786-7111.

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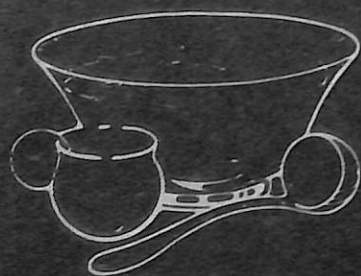


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Identifying The Warning Signs Of "Holiday Depression"

If you're feeling "a little down" this holiday season, don't be alarmed, you may not be alone. "Many persons simply cannot live up to the often unreal expectations of the perfect holiday as portrayed in movies, television, and magazines," said Dr. Benjamin Liptzin, chairman, Department of Psychiatry, Baystate Health Systems.

"We are supposed to feel happy and close to our family during the holidays, but that just isn't the case for everyone," he said.

Liptzin noted that there is no clinical basis to the term "holiday depression" that persons often read or hear about at this time of year.

"Holiday depression is not an illness," said Liptzin, "but persons may experience a sullen feeling around the holidays for a number of reasons."

Liptzin noted that the recent loss of a loved one, the inability to afford expensive presents, and family stresses may contribute to a "blue Christmas."

The Baystate psychiatrist said that you can have a bad day and feel down once in a while, but it doesn't necessarily mean that you're under the spell of depression.

He said that persons should consider seeking professional help if they are experiencing several of the following symptoms of clinical depression:

- * Trouble sleeping.
- * Appetite loss.
- * Loss of concentration.
- * Crying spells.
- * Suicidal feelings.
- * Fatigue.
- * Loss of interest in routine activities.

"If you are experiencing several of these symptoms for more than a week and you find that they are beginning to interfere with your job and everyday life, then you should have a professional evaluation," said Liptzin.

There is reason for hope, however.

"Depression is common and treatable. About 80 percent of depression cases are helped with non-addictive antidepressants," noted Liptzin.

For more information on depression, or for a referral to a physician, call The Professionals at 784-2255 or outside the Springfield calling area at 1-800-377-HEALTH.

Cynthia E. Ashley Is In Who's Who In Medicine & Healthcare

Cynthia Elizabeth Ashley of South Deerfield, Massachusetts, who's a winter resident of Sedona, Arizona, and a clinical social worker in Agawam, has earned inclusion in *Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare* 1997-1998. To be chosen for inclusion, candidates must have held a position of responsibility or have attained a significant achievement in their field.

Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare 1997-1998, published by Marquis Who's Who, is a guide to 20,000 of today's leaders in the diverse fields of medicine and healthcare.

"We congratulate Cynthia Elizabeth Ashley on her achievements," says Paul Canning, Editorial Director of Marquis Who's Who. "Our editors use stringent selection criteria to choose the most distinguished professionals for inclusion in each edition."

Ms. Ashley specializes in treating the anxiety disorders known as Panic Disorder, Agoraphobia and Phobias. She currently maintains an office practice in Agawam as the Director of Exposure Therapy and Counseling Services. She is also the founder of a nationwide Telephone Counseling Line (1-800-400-CALM). In addition, she provides training seminars for clinicians desiring to treat Anxiety Disorders. Ms. Ashley has previously maintained a private part-time practice in Sedona, Arizona. She will be available in Arizona during January offering group therapy, clinician training, and the formation of an anxiety support group.

Ms. Ashley will resume office sessions in Agawam on February 19, 1997. She may be reached by calling 1-800-400-CALM or 1-413-789-9000. She is now accepting counseling appointments in her Agawam office for February 1997.

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Ag. Medical West Sponsoring Classes On Quitting Smoking

BlueCross and BlueShield Medical West Associates will be offering "Quit Smoking - Making A Change" classes at the Agawam Health Center on five Wednesdays, January 8th through February 5th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Give up smoking and don't go back with information and support offered in this class. BlueCross and BlueShield is hosting this class so people can quit smoking and live a longer, healthier life.

For more information about "Quit Smoking - Making A Change," or other Medical West Associates Winter Health Education Classes, please contact BethAnn D'Agostino, BCBSMA, in Media Relations, at 617-832-4825.

Family Life Center To Conduct Classes On Natural Birth Control

The Family Life Center at Mercy Hospital will sponsor a series of classes on the symptothermal method of natural birth control beginning January 8th.

The series includes three group classes and two private sessions with a certified natural family planning (NFP) health instructor.

The symptothermal method is a healthy birth control option based on understanding the natural cycles of fertility and infertility. It offers couples a lifelong method which is effective and safe.

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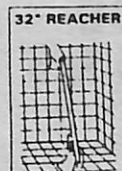
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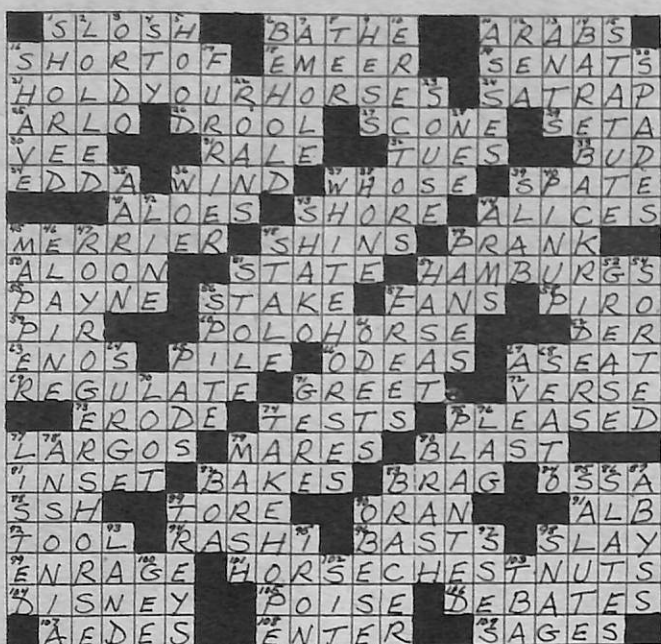


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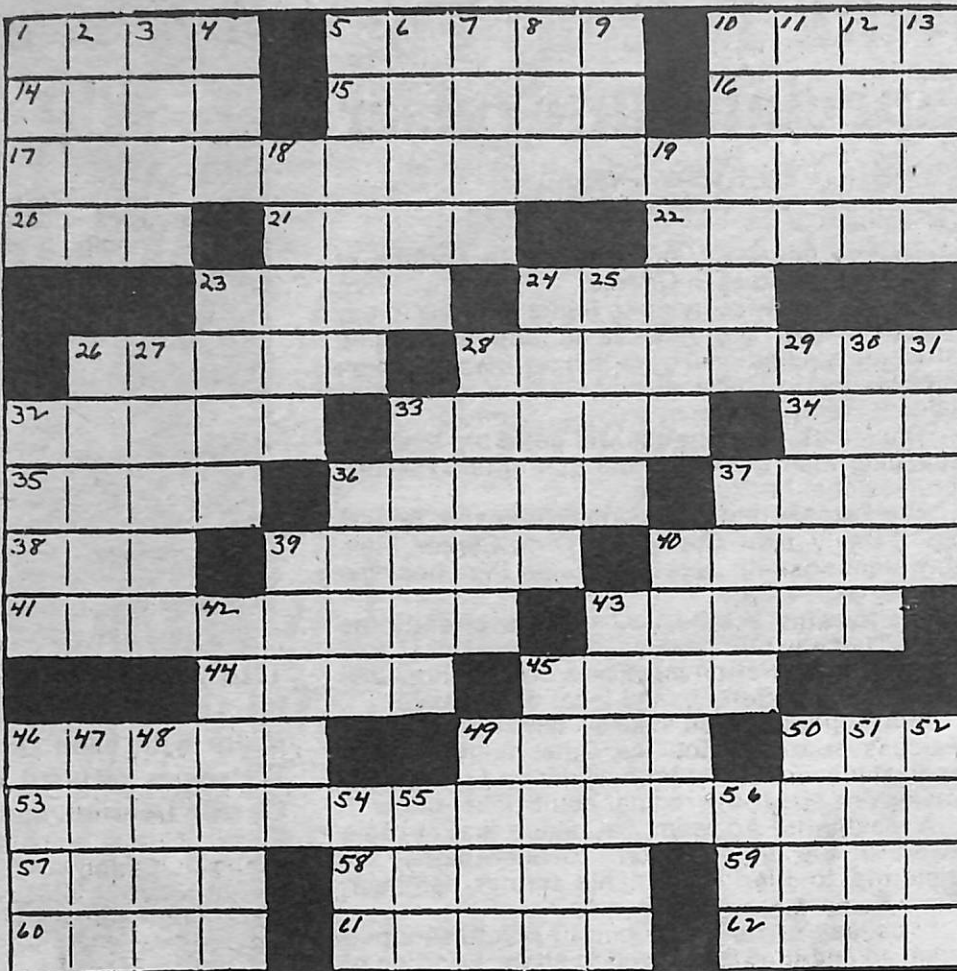
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Education

AHS Band Joins With Falcons For Special Fundraiser

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

They've accepted an invitation to perform at Walt Disney World in Orlando.

Now that they're trying to figure out how to pay for their trip, the AHS Band and Colorguard students are finding it pays to have friends in high places. Really high places, like in a nest of falcons, for instance.

The Marching Mohawks will get a big assist in reaching their goal from the Springfield Falcons professional hockey team.

The Falcons are sponsoring "Agawam School Spirit Day" at the Springfield Civic Center, Monday, January 20th at 2:00 p.m., as they host the Worcester Ice Cats.

Team owner Wayne LaChance is offering the band \$1 of the purchase price of every ticket sold through a special promotion in cooperation with the AHS Band Parents and local businesses.

Band boosters and hockey fans can see the Falcons soar and the Ice Cats meow for the special price of \$6 for both adults and children, a savings of \$5 off the regular adult ticket price.

A resident of Agawam, LaChance first became aware of the band's efforts to raise money for their trip to Florida from his former neighbor, Band Parents President Bonnie Krapf.

"I called Wayne to ask him to purchase a program ad and then he offered to share a portion of the proceeds of whatever tickets we can sell," Mrs. Krapf explained. "I knew there wasn't any way we could lose with this fundraiser."

LaChance said he enjoys supporting community projects in Agawam as a way to give something back to his hometown.

"This was a perfect opportunity for us to get involved in a local fundraiser," LaChance said. "It's fun all the way around. It helps the band and it helps us by creating interest in the team. Everyone can get involved and have a great time."

Tickets can be ordered by mail or purchased at the Corner Deli on Main Street; Feeding Hills Public Market on Springfield Street; Walnut Cleaners on Walnut Street Extension; the Westbank at Feeding Hills Center; and the Agawam Blimpie's at the Community Shops in Feeding Hills Center. Tickets will go on sale on December 26th.

Mail order forms were distributed to all Agawam students just before the winter vacation, or check the pages of the January 9th edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News* for a coupon. All orders must be placed by January 13th. For more information, call the Falcons at (413) 739-3344 and ask for Irene.

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AHS Band Performs For Agawam Chamber



THE AGAWAM HIGH CONCERT BAND performed at the Annual Holiday Breakfast of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce earlier this month. Chamber officers are pictured in top photo with band Director Tamara Watson (third from right). IN PHOTO BELOW, Miss Watson is pictured with band members Patrick Lennon, Kevin Cornwell, Dan Hendrix, Charlie Denison, and Ryan White. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Michael J. Jawitz, MD

Agawam Family Physicians

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective January 17, 1997, our office will no longer be able to provide primary care pediatrics to children 14 years of age and under.

Pediatric Associates of Hampden County, Elm St., West Springfield will provide care to our pediatric population.

Families insured through Health New England, Cigna, US Healthcare, Aetna Managed Care, Travelers Managed Care, Mass. Health, and Tufts must notify the insurer ASAP if a different pediatric group will be used.



AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen
Guidance Coordinator
AHS Guidance Dept.

A Memorandum From A Child

Several years ago, I was given a copy of the following. The other day I reread it and decided it merited being shared. The author is unknown.

1. Don't spoil me. I know quite well that I ought not to have all I ask for. I'm only testing you.

2. Don't be afraid to be firm with me. I prefer it. It lets me know where I stand.

3. Don't use force with me. It teaches me that power is all that counts. I will respond more readily to being led.

4. Don't be inconsistent. That confuses me and makes me try harder to get away with everything that I can.

5. Don't make promises; you may not be able to keep them. That will discourage my trust in you.

6. Don't fall for my provocations when I say and do things just to upset you. Then I'll try for more victories.

7. Don't be too upset when I say, "I hate you." I don't mean it, but I want you to feel sorry for what you have done to me.

8. Don't make me feel smaller than I am. I will make up for it by behaving like a "big shot."

9. Don't do things for me that I can do for myself. It makes me feel like a baby, and I may continue to put you in my service.

10. Don't let my "bad habits" get me a lot of attention. It only encourages me to continue them.

11. Don't correct me in front of people. I'll take much more notice if you talk quietly to me in private.

12. Don't try to discuss my behavior in the heat of conflict. For some reason, my hearing isn't very good at this time and my cooperation is even worse. It is all right to take the action required, but let's not talk about it until later.

13. Don't try to preach to me. You'd be surprised how well I know what's right and wrong.

14. Don't make me feel my mistakes are sins. I have to learn to make mistakes without feeling that I'm no good.

15. Don't nag. If you do, I shall have to protect myself by appearing deaf.

16. Don't demand explanations for my wrong behavior. Sometimes I really don't know why I did it.

17. Don't tax my honesty too much. I am easily frightened into telling lies.

18. Don't protect me from consequences. I need to learn from experiences.

19. Don't take too much notice of my small ailments. I may learn to enjoy poor health if it gets me much attention.

20. Don't put me off when I ask honest questions. If you do, you will find I just want you to keep busy with me.

21. Don't ever suggest that you are perfect or infallible. It gives me too much to live up to.

22. Don't worry about the little time we spend together. It is how we spend it that counts.

23. Don't forget that I can't thrive without lots of understanding and encouragement.

24. Treat me the way you treat your friends. Remember, I learn more from a model than a critic.

And besides, I love you so much, please love me in return.

My best wishes to all of you for an enjoyable holiday season. May you find comfort, peace, and happiness as you interact with family members.

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: Congratulations!

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Lisa Reveruzzi - Johnson and Wales University.

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SCHOLARSHIPS: See Mrs. Williams for more information.

Westfest Scholarship: In order to be eligible for this scholarship, you must show an interest in the arts such as dance, music, writing, culinary arts, film/video, etc. Applicants will be evaluated on merit, talent, consideration of the applicant's genuine interest in the arts, recommendations, community activities, and other relevant information. Deadline: March 1, 1997.

Mensa Scholarship: Awards ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 are made on the basis of an essay of fewer than 550 words describing the applicant's career or academic goals. Deadline: February 5, 1997.

Wheelock College Scholarships: Open to students who plan to attend Wheelock and who meet the following criteria: strong academic background, extensive work with children, and community involvement.

Henry Kozloski Participates In Workshop For Science Teachers At MIT

Mr. Henry Kozloski, a science teacher at West Springfield High School and a resident of Agawam, participated in the *New England Science Teachers* fall workshop on November 8-9, 1996, at the Sea Crest Resort and Conference Center, Old Silver Beach, Falmouth, MA.

The New England Science Teachers (NEST) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have been partners in education since 1989. The partnership is intended to improve the quality of science education. NEST is a grass-roots organization that has the goal of strengthening

science education via citizen activism. It has grown out of the *Science and Engineering Program for Middle and High School Teachers* (SEPMHST), a successful week-long broad-based program that explores how engineers apply scientific principles to meet the technological needs of society and commerce.

The major theme of the two-day workshop was to pursue a continuing dialogue on the evolution of meaningful and tractable relationships between universities, industry, and the K-12 educational system.

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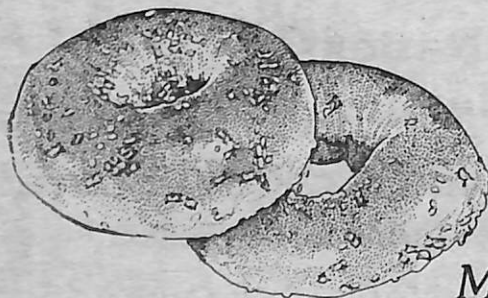
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Ag. Middle School Presents Annual "Winter Program"

The Agawam Middle School presented its "Winter Program" with singing and music provided by the sixth grade chorus and band.

The chorus was directed by Meredith R. Quito, accompanied by Karen Dion and guitar provided by Louis Spiro. Chorus students include:

Sara Avery, Kevin Baptiste, Joshua Aubin, Aimee Beaudette, Rebecca Berta, Stacy Boisjolie, Whitney Brown, Meaghan Brown, Angela Buendo, Kelly Burgess, Sean Burke, Anna Camyre, Heather Champigny, Tina Charest, Michele Churchill, Christin Cilimberg, Joey Clark, Lieghanna Daigneau, Nicholas DeBarge, Ashley Edmunds, Mike Eggleston, Tricia Fitchben, Christine Foster, Lindsay Francis, Allyson Gavron, Nicole Gendreau, Michele Gendron, Nicki Gessay, Clara Groom, Donald Hare, Melissa Harrington, Kristina Heim, Caitlin Holland, Scott Howes, Linda Kelley, Anna Kiforishina, Irena Klimczak, Stella Knapik, Emily Lapins, Sherri Laskowski, Mike Locke, Daeven Macsata.

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The sixth grade band, directed by Ken Longstreeth, included the following students:

FLUTES

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(* Member of select band.)

Agawam High School Calendar Of Events For January 1997

Month of January: A.H.S. Band Super Bowl Grinder Sale

January 6th: "La Fete des Rois." All French classes.

January 6th-17th: Substance Free Exam Survival Kit Sale (Peer Leadership).

January 14th: Math Team at West Springfield High School.

January 15th: EARLY RELEASE DAY.

January 16th: School Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

January 17th: Renaissance Exam exemption distribution.

January 20th: Auction at Sacred Heart Parish Center, sponsored by the A.H.S. Marching Mohawks: 5:00 p.m., preview and 6:00 p.m. auction.

January 31st: A presentation sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program on Suicide will be presented by Judith Stone of the Agawam Counseling Center.

Dylan V. Sousa Graduates From Penn State University

Dylan Victoria Sousa, daughter of Louis & Linda Sousa of Agawam, a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School, graduated from Penn State University on December 15, 1996.

While attending Agawam High School, she was a member of the Honor Society, the Unicorn, and on the panel for "As Schools Match Wits." She was also a member of Junior Achievement. She graduated second in her class.

For her studies at Penn State, she majored in Film and Broadcast cable, and graduated with her BA in Telecommunications. Her present plans include relocating to the Virginia/Washington, D.C. area, where she plans to pursue her chosen career.

Continuing Education Dept. At Bay Path To Hold Free Info Session

The Office of Continuing Education at Bay Path College will hold a free information session for women interested in furthering their education on Tuesday, January 7, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Breck Suite, Brookside Hall on the Longmeadow campus.

The session will offer prospective students information about Bay Path's academic programs, support services, and financial aid guidelines. As an incentive, new continuing education students at Bay Path are currently offered half tuition for the first two courses taken.

Women interested in attending the January 7th session should contact Carol Dunlop, coordinator of continuing education, at the college at (413) 567-0621, ext. 332, or TOLL FREE, 1-800-782-7284.

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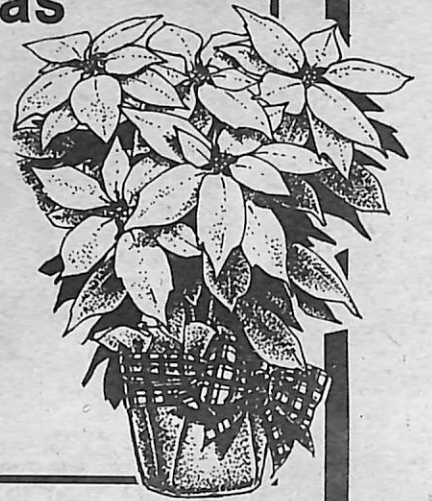
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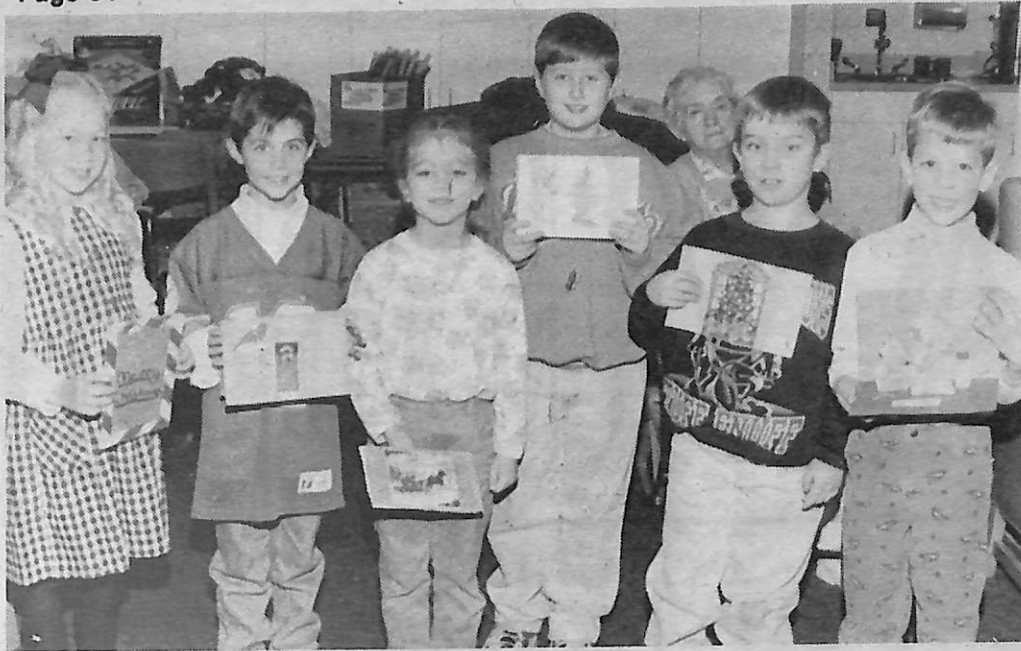
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PHELPS SCHOOL students made holiday cards for the elderly at **Country Estates Skilled Nursing & Rehab Center** on Suffield Street. **IN PHOTO LEFT** - Kelli Sullivan, Brett Longhi, Shaunna Howe, Mike Longhi, Justin Howe, and Ryan Sullivan. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, students Mike Longhi and Kelli Sullivan look on as **Country Estates** resident Edith Graham admires her card. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam Elementary Schools Bring Out Much Holiday Cheer

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At this time of the year, nothing is more politically correct than to complain about the commercialization of the holidays and the dimming of the true meaning of the holiday spirit.

Every year the advertising seems to begin earlier and earlier, and with it comes the conventional wisdom warning of the loss of the Christmas spirit.

We've all seen the leftover Halloween candy disappear to make room for candy canes and Christmas stockings. Before long, Santa's at the mall and kids are making their list, and checking it twice. Then the inevitable conclusion: we've lost the spirit of Christmas, especially among the children. Not so.

While there's no denying that holiday hype is too much, too soon, there's also no denying that the caring, sharing spirit of the season was alive and well at Agawam's four elementary schools during the month of December.

At **Phelps School**, the PTO decided to sponsor a Month of Giving in lieu of making Christmas crafts and sponsoring a Santa's Workshop.

PTO president Debbie Sekula explained, "Everything we've done in the past has always met with some negative response to commercialism or the loss of classroom time. So, this year was based strictly on the idea of giving to

others and the response was overwhelming."

The four weeks before the Christmas break were set aside for giving with a special theme for each week. The first week's Penny Drive rolled up one of the year's single largest donations to the Toy for Joy Fund, \$753.97.

Then, Greeting Card week found the kids busily making cards to brighten the season for hospitalized children and nursing home residents.

In the two remaining weeks, the children sent a truckload of food and personal care items to the Open Pantry and hundreds of pairs of new mittens, hats, and scarves for children living in women's shelters.

"I'm so proud of the kids and their families for generosity that went far beyond what we ever expected," Mrs. Sekula said.

At **Robinson Park School**, December has long been designated as Caring and Sharing Month as the children get into the holiday spirit with a food and clothing drive to benefit the Open Pantry.

In addition to making cards for the children at Shriners Hospital, the children made 445 ornaments for the Milton Bradley Giving Tree, and the second graders made place mats and candy cups to be used at nursing homes and at homeless shelters.

"This year, the highlight of the month was the Christmas play put on by rooms 12 and 14. We had two performances of *A Christmas Carol*, during the day for the kids and at night for the parents. It was an excellent program," Principal William Sapelli said.

At **Granger School**, the children collected canned goods and mittens for the Agawam Junior Women's Club holiday baskets, shopped for their families at the PTO's annual Santa's Workshop, and went caroling through the nearby senior citizens' housing complex after turning on the bright lights decorating the trees at the Anne Sullivan Memorial in Feeding Hills Center.

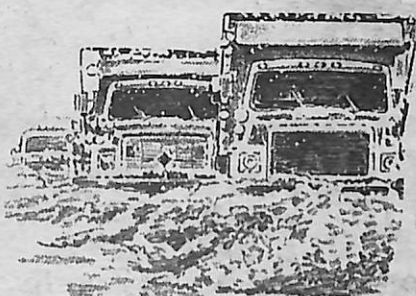
According to Principal Phyllis Lewis, "The big thing for us this year was hosting the Brunton School Chorus and Bell Chorus from Springfield for the second year. The third grade classes had become pen pals, and it was great for the kids to have a chance to meet one another and spend some time together."

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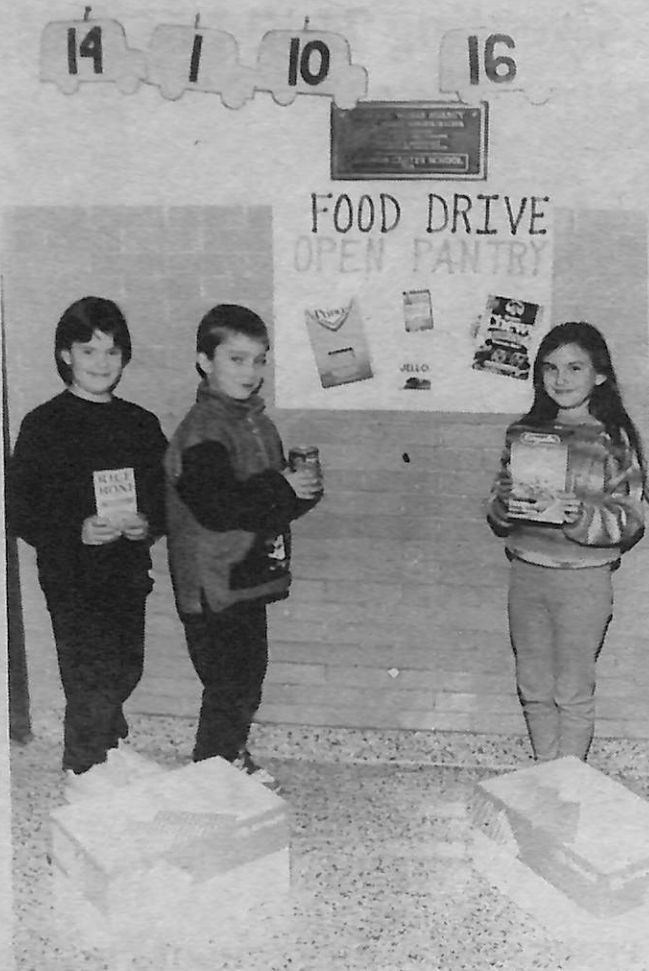
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STUDENTS AT GRANGER SCHOOL collected food for the Open Pantry. From left - Elizabeth Mattarazzo, Chelsea Lafontaine, Daniel Comee, Emily Laliberte, and Kristin Laliberte. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PHELPS SCHOOL STUDENTS Denise Sekula, Justin Howe, and Stephanie Depelteau are three of the students at the school who helped to make "Open Pantry Week" at the school a success. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DIRK GENDRON and KELLI SULLIVAN of Phelps School are happily adding their gifts to the "mitten tree" at Phelps School. All donations were given to a local women's shelter. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GRANGER SCHOOL PTO MEMBERS, from left - Cathi Smith, Sue Hitchcock, Wendy Matys, Corinne Lafontaine, and Betty Laliberte have boxes of goodies collected at the school for the Open Pantry. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT - from Page 34...

At Clark School, the holiday spirit will continue into the new year as the staff's December Dress Down Fridays for the Toy for Joy Fund will become a monthly event with a different charity receiving the proceeds. Staff members pay a dollar for the privilege of wearing jeans and sneakers to school.

The children made ornaments for the Giving Tree and enjoyed shopping for the families at the Christmas Bazaar presented by the PTO, according to Principal Sandra Howard.

"We're all looking forward to our sing-along

with the parents to get us in the holiday spirit," Mrs. Howard said. "We have a volunteer pianist, Dutch Worthhammer, who comes every year. He's such a sweet man and he's very good with the kids."

The children were treated to a holiday skit by a group of students from an LPVEC alternative high school, but plans for a repeat of last year's visit from the Middle School's sixth grade band didn't work out.

"The sixth grade band was just wonderful last year," Mrs. Howard explained. "We tried to have them back, but we missed out — they were just so busy."

Middle School Spring Trip To D.C. Will Give Kids Historical Experience

A group of interested students at Agawam Middle School have a wonderful opportunity to experience a bit of history. A Washington DC trip to the White House, Arlington National Cemetery and the Statue of Liberty in New York will be included in five days of educational events planned for April vacation.

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Agawam Adult Ed. Program Announces Winter Registration

Registration for the winter semester of the Agawam Adult Education Program will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings, January 6 and 8, 1997 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

Registration will also be held during the first week of classes on Monday, January 13th, and Wednesday, January 15th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

Classes will begin on Monday, January 13th, and run for 10 weeks ending on March 31st.

The tuition charge is \$70 per course and is payable at the time of registration. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting. Tuition will be refunded if there is an insufficient number of students registered for a course(s). The administration reserves the right to cancel course(s) for lack of registration.

Those persons interested in working toward a high school diploma should bring with them a transcript of any course work completed since ninth grade.

The following is a list of courses and the nights they are being offered this semester:

Monday Classes:

English 11
English 12
General Science
World History
Algebra II
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Italian Cooking/Bread Making (classes held at the Jr. High)

Wednesday Classes:

English 9
English 10
U.S. History
Chemistry
General Math
Computer Concepts
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Teresa Kozloski Recognized By Bay Path College

Teresa Kozloski of Agawam was recognized for her 20 years of service as a Bay Path College employee during the annual faculty and staff holiday party on December 19th.

President Carol A. Leary said, "I know I speak on behalf of all of us at the college in thanking Teresa for her loyalty and commitment."

An associate professor of business at Bay Path, Kozloski received a gift from the college.

Creating Holiday Pies At Perry Lane School



PERRY LANE NURSEY SCHOOL CHILDREN at Perry Lane Park created holiday pies for their parents. IN PHOTO LEFT - Dolly Biza and Douglas Vye; IN PHOTO RIGHT - Christopher Murphy and Michelle Ferreira. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Thursday, January 2nd: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, seasoned diced carrots, honey & mayonnaise, whipped potatoes, bread & butter, chilled applesauce, milk.

Friday, January 3rd: Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned green beans, fresh Mac apple or jello with topping, milk.

Monday, January 6th: Cheese pizza, tossed garden salad with creamy Italian dressing, chilled peaches, milk.

Tuesday, January 7th: Steamed frankfort in roll, Boston baked beans, sweet diced carrots, rosy applesauce, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Wednesday, January 8th: Rotini with meatsauce, Italian bread & butter, green

& wax beans, fresh orange wedges or strawberry jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, January 9th: School-made meatballs with tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, seasoned niblet corn, bread & butter, apple crisp with topping, milk.

Friday, January 10th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, honey or mayonnaise, steamed parsley rice, wheat bread & butter, seasoned mixed vegetables, pineapple tidbits in syrup, milk.

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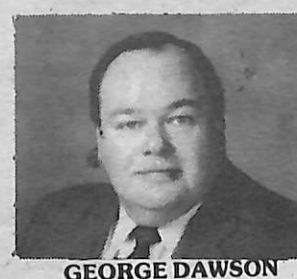
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STEARNS & YERRALL Real Estate recently made a donation to the **Agawam High School Renaissance Program**. From left - Marci Longobardi, Sherrie Habrat, Irene Pigeon, Shirley Fullam, and Mary Noone, Stearns & Yerrall, and Bernadette Conte, dean of students at AHS.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Eric Franco Helps College Pack Food



WESTFIELD STATE COLLEGE students pack over 400 items they collected on campus for the **Salvation Army** to distribute to needy families during the holidays. The project was sponsored by the **Westfield State Chapter of Psi Chi**. From left - Dr. Susan Dutch, Eric Franco of Feeding Hills, Lori Gallant, Beth McCloskey, Fawn Busby, and Christine Forest.

Agawam High School To Benefit From Tech Prep Connection

Students in advanced accounting courses at Agawam High School have received a donation of textbooks as a result of their special partnership with Springfield Technical Community College.

STCC President Andrew M. Scibelli said that the College and AHS are partners in a 2 plus 2 Tech Prep program that coordinates the last two years of high school with the first two years of college. Students are able to apply credit earned in these advanced courses toward an associate degree in Business Administration at STCC.

John Godfrey, a faculty member in STCC's Business Administration department and long-time contributor to the 2 plus 2/Tech Prep initiative, arranged for John Wiley & Sons (publisher of the textbook required for the advanced accounting course) to donate the accounting books to area high schools in order to maintain the articulation. The program gives students an incentive to go on to college by saving them both time and money.

The High School of Commerce agreement was the first to be established between STCC and a local high school, back in 1986. Since then, nearly 100 Commerce students have successfully made the transition into the STCC program, and then entered into employment or gone on to pursue four-year degrees.

In addition to college credit, such programs prompt collaboration between secondary and postsecondary instructors on behalf of students, such as coordination of annual field trips and presentations, and joint curriculum review and revision.

Scibelli said the donation of textbooks is but one example of the ways in which Tech Prep partnerships can yield beneficial results for students. Last year, an STCC/Tech Prep student from Pathfinder Regional High School travelled to Washington, D.C. with STCC Mechanical Engineering Technology faculty to share in the receipt of the Secretary's Award for Outstanding Vocational-Technical Program.

The year before, an STCC/Chicopee Comprehensive High School Tech Prep student in Biomedical Instrumentation Technology was recognized nationally as Outstanding Postsecondary Vocational-Technical Student of the Year.

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Sports

Conte's Buzzsaw Totally Demolishes Monument Mt. In Schoolgirl Opener

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

If the bus ride from Great Barrington to Agawam was a long one last Friday night, the trip home must have seemed endless for the Monument Mountain girls' basketball team. Because the ride came at the end of a 71-30 loss to the Brownies.

Agawam, opening its 1996-97 season, showed last year's Division II champs just how many ways you can lose a basketball game. Remember, the Spartans had dashed the Brownies' hopes a year ago with a loss, and they came into this year's game with many returning players.

But this time, AHS dominated the Spartans on offense, on defense, on the glass, and in the paint. As usual, the Brownies came out on the run. Monument knew this was going to happen. They just weren't prepared for the ferocity of the Agawam game plan that was once again masterminded by Coach Lou Conte.

Sophomore Barbara Maloni (23 points, 1-1, 1 rebound, 1 block) was patrolling the point on offense. Maloni, along with All-Western Mass guard Kristen Patterson (15 points, 1-2, 10 rebounds), pushed the ball up the floor with relentless abandon. The Spartan backcourt, overmatched in both speed and size, had all they could do to keep up. But they made the effort. Working out of a 2-3 zone and facing a buzzsaw full court press, they managed to keep it close, 6-4, at the 11:28 mark.

But the fans in the stands, including the folks who made the chilly journey from the hinterlands, could sense the floodgates were about to open. At 10:23, Patterson made one of two from the line. Sophomore Melissa Cote (11 points, 1 three-pointer, 6 rebounds) hit a trey and Agawam led, 12-4.

The Brownie press was suffocating. Monument would commit 15 turnovers in the first half, most of them coming as a result of the defensive pressure. They also found the basket as elusive as the ball seemed to be. With 6:30 left, they were 3-12 from the field. Agawam, by virtue of a load of lay-ups off the Spartan turnovers, was shooting lights out (13-7). The Brownie lead bulged to 32-6.

With 2:50 left in the half, Agawam backed out of its press and went man on "D" and half court on offense. By then, the Brownies were up, 40-11. The half ended with Agawam bringing a 46-13 lead into the locker room.

In the half, Agawam went 22-32 from the field and 1-3 from the line. They hauled down 18 boards, seven of which were of the offensive variety. They had seven turnovers.

Monument Mountain had a miserable time of it from the floor, shooting 6-22. They were 1-3 from the stripe. They managed seven rebounds, three off the offensive glass. Their 15 turnovers killed them.

AHS Continues To Punish Opponents...

The second half saw the Brownies serve up more of the same punishment to the Spartans, who were about ready to be carried out to the bus.

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on their shields. The only big gun for them was Becca Jones (14 points, 2-3, 7 rebounds), their All-Western Mass center. They tried to feed her the ball underneath. But she was constantly double-teamed by Pia Bertone-Gross (8 points, 0-1, 4 rebounds) and Sarah Cote (4 points, 5 rebounds), who are two tough and tenacious defenders.

The Agawam offense hadn't lost their shooting touch during the intermission. At the 11-minute mark, they were 4-4. Monument could find the hole only once out of 10 tries.

With 3:33 to go, Agawam led, 63-28. Their domination was complete, including the boards (where they outrebounded the Spartans, 17 to 7).

The final showed 71-30. The Spartans were out of there. Agawam had its first win. Senior Lisa Reveruzzi came off the bench early in the first half and played many meaningful minutes in both halves.

Conte, looking for something to build on despite the blowout, smiled and said, "We have to get a little better on our offensive execution." Offensive or not, it was indeed an execution.

For the game, Agawam went 34-51 (66 percent) from the field and 2-4 from the line. They pulled down 35 rebounds, 10 of which were off the offensive glass (many of the early ones at that). They had 16 turnovers.

Monument Mountain went 13-48 from the floor (27 percent) and 4-7 from the line. They had 14 total rebounds, half of which came off the offensive glass. They had 21 turnovers.

BROWNIE STATS: Maloni - 23 points, 1-1, 1 rebound, 1 block; Patterson - 15 points, 1-2, 10 rebounds; Melissa Cote - 11 points, 1 three-pointer, 6 rebounds; Bertone-Gross - 8 points, 4 rebounds; Amber Conte - 8 points, 3 rebounds; Sara Cote - 4 points, 5 rebounds, three offensive; Shauna Hadden - 2 points, 5 rebounds; and Elisa Shea - 2 rebounds.

AHS Starts Fast To Defeat Lions In Boys' Hoop

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' basketball team upped its record to 2-0 with a win on the road against Ludlow last Friday night. "We played man to man all over the floor in this one," Brownie Coach Gary Grumoli said.

Ludlow, which couldn't match-up with Agawam's speed, played a half court offense and went 1-2-2 on defense. Their plan was to make the Brownies shoot from the perimeter. Agawam did and did it well, behind Phil McGeoghan (22 points, 13 rebounds), Nick Dion (12 points), and Todd Jorgensen (13 points, 7 assists, 4 steals). Jake Blair, who had four points, played well on defense, as did Chris Blitzas.

Agawam led 27-15 at the half.

Ludlow made several runs in the second half. But the Brownies were up to the challenge. That's when Blair (10 rebounds) and Jay Malone (3 points, 6 rebounds) took control under the boards. Ludlow, which isn't a good perimeter team, couldn't penetrate because of those two. "They played physical basketball with a lot of intensity," Grumoli noted.

Agawam, which is stressing end-to-end, 94-foot basketball this season, ran the Lions out of the gym. Their height on the front line matches up well with most teams around here. Their front court can also work the ball up on anybody.

The coach noted that one thing they'll have to work on is getting an opponent down and keeping them there. "It's a matter of working harder in practice so that aspect of our game will come naturally," he said.

In the end, Agawam won the game by a score of 56-48.

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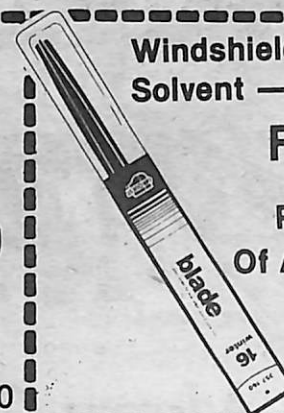
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Brownie Wrestlers Finish Third At Prestigious Milford Tournament

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High School wrestling team doesn't duck anyone. Every year, the perennial Western Mass champions seek out the best tournaments they can find to test their mettle.

Last Saturday, they traveled to Milford, Massachusetts, for a day of ultra-competition against some of the best in the state. They finished third. Brownie Coach Phil Tomkiel, while always thinking first, wasn't all that disappointed. "No," he said. "It's still too early in the season. We needed a test like this."

Another power, North Attleboro, finished first. Quabbin Regional, Agawam's long-time Western Mass. wrestling foe, finished second with 172 points, only three better than the Brownies.

The 103's started it off with Brownie newcomer **Dave Moore**. The freshman, just coming out for the sport, won one match out of four. "If he stays with it, he'll help us a lot," Tomkiel noted.

All-Western Mass wrestler **Kevin McKay** stepped onto the mat in the 112's. He won his final match 12-3 and the title at that weight. "He's the total package," Tomkiel said.

We remember when the junior was just a freshman, as skinny as a slat cat, and just as wiry and mean. Two years of quality varsity experience seem to be heading him in the direction of another All-Western Mass honor. And who knows, maybe a place in the lofty ranks of All-State?

Kevin Suffriti went in the 119's. He won a match, but didn't place.

Freshman **Brian Chechile** grabbed fourth overall in the 125's.

The 130's saw junior **Ryan Grealis** go to battle.

He finished fourth overall. Maybe one of the reasons was the fact that in his weight class, there was an All-State champion, a state champion, and a kid who finished third in the States last year. Ryan wants to get down to 125. There, he feels (as does his coach), he'll be in his element a little bit more.

Senior **Jason Jean** grabbed first place in the 135's. His final match was a 10-1 decision. All you can say about Jean is that he could eat a bumper and spit nails.

Senior **John Hermans** finished third in the 140's. A week earlier, he won his match against Cathedral with a pin.

Dan Dialessi was fourth in the 145's. "We need to work more with him," Tomkiel noted. "He wrestles great in practice. He seems to have everything down."

Jeff Blews, coming off a pin against Cathedral, had a great day. He finished second in the 152's. "His performance certainly booted up his confidence," the coach said.

Lee Kunkler didn't place in the 160's. Another new guy, junior **Justin Stacey**, was a surprise in the 171's. He grabbed a third.

Rich Skowrya came in second in the 189's. He got that position with a 7-4 decision in his final match.

Darrell Malachowski, the big, raw-boned junior redhead, was first in the 215's. "He spent most of the first period on his back (in a headlock). He got out of it, though," Tomkiel noted.

Malachowski would have none of it in the second period. He pinned his man for the win.

The heavyweights saw a no place for **Justin Petrangelo**. But you must remember — he's wrestling at 188. He has a lot of heart that goes up against a lot of weight for his opponents. And that's what he is wrestling on ... heart. Remember, Justin won on a pin last week against Cathedral, giving away the big weight.

"We placed nine kids in this tournament," Tomkiel said.

This Friday, December 27th, Agawam will host their own tournament. Ludlow, Westfield, and Minnechaug will come calling. All are quality squads.

Tomkiel said, "We have so many people who want to get us. Some of them say things. They say they have a great work ethic. They say no one works harder than they do. They are shooting off their mouths. We hear that stuff all the time from the various media outlets around here."

But you had to believe that he and his team have something to prove Friday. Once again, the pretenders would come calling. After a pause, he added, "We never say a thing about our opponents. We practice and go to battle."

"Anyone who has ever seen us practice, will understand that our victories start there. That's our sacrifice. When competition comes, it's a release. It's fun. We don't have to talk ourselves up. We're already there," added the mentor of the 10-time Western Mass champs.

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AHS Hockey Stopped By Amherst, 3-2

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High hockey team traveled up north last Friday night to meet Amherst. The Brownies, still pumped after their season-opening, 3-1 win against Chicopee, played tough but fell to the Hurricanes, 3-2.

Assistant Coach John Cirelli was behind the bench for the Brownies, taking over the reins from head Coach Fran Pycko, who had a prior commitment. "We played a good game," Cirelli said. "We got down early and fought our way back. The kids didn't give up."

Indeed, the Brownies found themselves in the hole from the get-go. Amherst got two goals in the middle of the first period as the Brownies just couldn't seem to find their scoring touch.

Cirelli noted, however, that one of his lines (Dave Gusek, Brian Pagella, and Andy Radwanski) hustled all period long in an attempt to blunt the Amherst attack.

Towards the end of the first period, their hard work paid off. The Brownies started to pick up their overall play with better shots on net and hard hits on the Hurricanes. They went into the intermission down 2-0. "I told them in the locker room that they had played well. And there was no reason why they couldn't keep it up," Cirelli noted.

The Brownies came out in the second stanza, dug down, and took control the way they'd ended the first period. Eight minutes in, Geoff Ciak broke free on a power play situation, streaked down the right wing, took a shot low to the stick side of the Hurricane goalie, and scored an unassisted goal. It was an all-hustle play that breathed further life into the Agawam offense.

Two minutes later, Trevor Brown got taken down in front of the Amherst net by the Hurricane goalie. No penalty was called. Amherst came out on a three on one break. Brownie tender Chris Hearn made the initial save but got beaten on the rebound. Amherst went up 3-1.

The score only made Agawam try harder. In the final minute of the period, they kept the puck in the Amherst zone and launched five shots on the Hurricane net. With three seconds left, Greg Jubinville took a shot that had the Hurricane goalie beat. But it just went wide right by six inches.

The "Roaring" Brownies...

Agawam roared out of the locker room for the third period. For the bulk of the period, both teams settled into an end-to-end, fast-paced game. But the Brownies were outshooting the Hurricanes by a 2-1 margin.

With a little over 6:00 left, the Brownies had a face-off in the Amherst zone. They were on the power play. At first, they lost control of the puck. But Jason Malanson gained control and passed it to Austin Kimball. Kimball spied Ciak just inside the left point, fed him the puck, and Ciak took the shot and got the goal (his second of the game and third of the young season). Agawam was now only down by one, 3-2.

Amherst went into a defensive mode at that point. They were not interested in another score, only the win. It worked despite some furious Agawam pressure, which included a shot that skipped through the Amherst goalie's legs but went just wide.

A few moments later, Kimball's slap shot hit the crossbar. An inch lower and the score is tied up. But the Brownies couldn't quite cash in on their efforts and fell 3-2.

Cirelli singled out some kids who played well throughout the game, including Kimball, Radwanski, and Jubinville, who was coming back from a bout with the flu. "It was a great effort," he said.

The team stands at 1-1. They next play the day after Christmas against East Longmeadow.

JV Girls' Hoop Give Strong Effort Despite Opening Loss To Monument Mt.

The Agawam High junior varsity girls' hoop team didn't have quite the same good fortune against Monument Mountain as their varsity sisters. They fell to the Spartans, 44-38. "We played well for most of the first half," JV Coach Karen Patterson noted. "But in the second half, turnovers began to hurt us."

The Brownies were only down, 42-39 with 3:50 left in the game. But some missed free throws and a few missed lay-ups stopped the locals from closing the gap. Two key turnovers a minute later

also frustrated the young Brownies.

And with 1:03 left, they were down, 46-39. With just under a minute left, the Spartans stole an Agawam pass. The subsequent foul, which saw Monument get both ends of a one and one, signed, sealed, and delivered the Agawam loss.

Freshman Kaitlin White was high scorer for the Brownies with 13 points. Patterson also singled out Sheri Benton, Katie Shannon, and Pam Gervais for their play in the game.

Dave Rollins

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Bitzas & O'Quinn Get All-Star Honors For Outstanding Soccer Play

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Two Agawam High varsity soccer players were rewarded for outstanding performances this past season. Senior sweeper **Chris Bitzas** was named to the All-Western Mass soccer team, plus the All-State squad. Junior goalie **Bryan O'Quinn** was named to the All-Western Mass team, as well.

Bitzas admitted he was surprised at his selection, both to the All-Western Mass team and the All-State club. He is a defensive specialist who is usually the last man, besides the keeper, between the ball and the net. "Someone has to do it," he smiled.

Then he added, "When I was little, they needed players for defense. I volunteered, so the coaches put me there. I got a lot of experience and also got good at being a good defender."

He thinks the game that might have gotten him on both teams came this year against Amherst. "Todd Godfrey broke his leg. We all had to step up. They put a lot of pressure on our defense. I played maybe my best game in that win."

Bitzas feels the All-State honor is really special. "Soccer, unlike some other sports at Agawam, isn't a big tradition. So being All-State brings recognition to our program, which is getting better every year," he said.

Bitzas expects to attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute next year. They've expressed interest not

only in his skills in the classroom, but the ones he displays on the soccer field. If he gets the opportunity, he'd like to play the sport on the collegiate level.

O'Quinn wasn't that surprised by his selection to the All-Western Mass team. "Not really," he admitted. "I thought I had a pretty good chance."

He explained that he's been playing the game for over 10 years against most of the kids he faced this season. "I knew my competition. I knew what they could and couldn't do. And all that experience makes me a better keeper every year I continue to play."

He felt the 1-0 playoff win over Longmeadow this year might have been the game that got him the All-Western Mass selection. It was one of his eight shutouts he recorded this season.

O'Quinn feels his style in net is an aggressive one. "I play angles and come out to cut them down." He also noted that anticipation has a lot to do with successful play in goal. "You have to sense where the ball will go," he says.

O'Quinn, who plays basketball in the winter and baseball in the spring for the Brownies, plays soccer all year round. Currently he's involved in a weekend soccer league at Soccer City in Wilbraham.



DEREK CASINGHINO led the Westfield State College men's soccer team in scoring this past fall.

Former Athletes At Agawam High School Doing Well At WSC

Several former Agawam High School athletes are making their marks on the various varsity teams at Westfield State College.

Sophomore **Kristen Schmaelzle** completed her first season as a member of the WSC women's soccer team under first year Coach Donna Coombs, the former West Springfield High mentor.

Schmaelzle, a fullback, played in 18 games and had three points for the Owls, including a goal. The Lady Owls were 13-8 overall and 4-2 in the Mass. State Conference, tying a school record for most wins in a season.

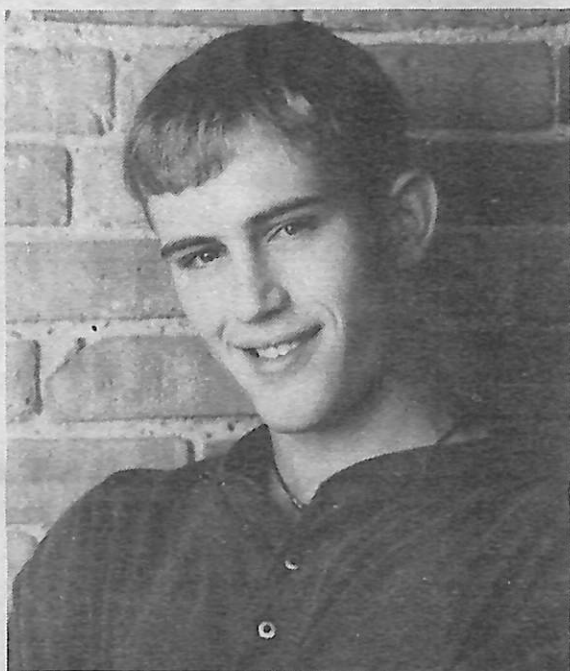
Schmaelzle also plays forward for the Lady Owls basketball team. As a second year member of the team, she is averaging 7.13 points, with a high of 13 points for the Owls, who are 5-3 at the semester break in the 1996-1997 season.

Playing on the WSC men's soccer team was senior forward **Derek Casinghino**, who was named the 1996 "Outstanding Contributor" for the team. The Owls finished with a 7-10-2 record.

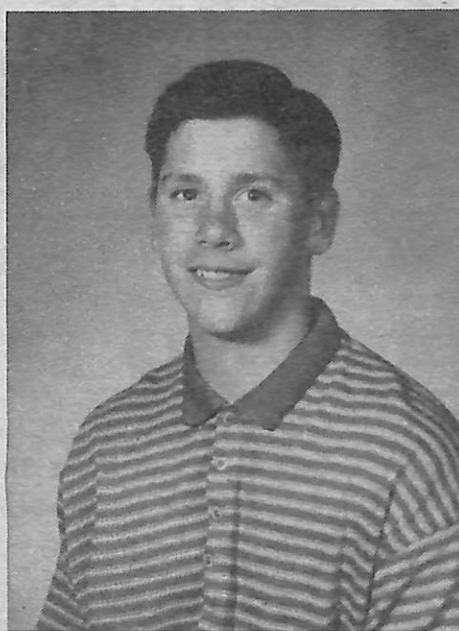
Casinghino led the Owls in scoring with 27 points (including 12 goals). He was named as a first team member of the Mass. State All-Conference Team.

Freshman **Erica Pratt** participated on the Lady Owls field hockey team. Pratt, a 1996 Agawam High graduate, helped the team to a 12-7 record and a share of the Mass. State Conference championship, earning a trip to the postseason tournament. She scored five goals for the Lady Owls.

And finally, sophomore running back **Jason Votzak** was a member of the WSC football team which posted a 4-6 record in 1996. Votzak played in eight of the Owls' 10 games and averaged 4.0 yards per carry when called upon.

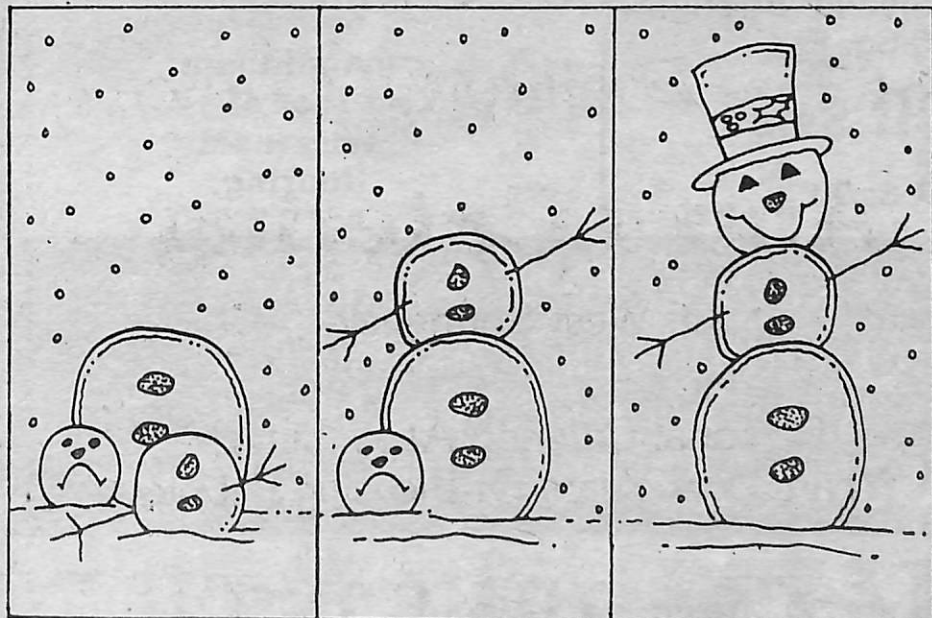


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No one wants to pay more, but the shrinking number of outlets that were willing to take the time to sell licenses without compensation demanded action. This year, town and city clerks will not be required to sell licenses, but more retail outlets will be selling licenses and will be open late and on weekends. Sportsmen generally have strongly supported the new changes.

Don't forget that a gift of a hunting and fishing license makes a great Christmas present. It is one of the gifts that you can be certain that that special sportsman or sportswoman will actually use, and provide many hours of outdoor enjoy-

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A SPORTSMAN'S CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

When asked by my lovely wife, Peg — my best friend, lover, mother of my children, and the former Keeper Of The Hounds — what I wanted for Christmas (other than an English Setter, a Bluetick Coonhound, and a rabbit Beagle), I compromised and decided that a German Shorthair, a Black and Tan Coonhound, and a plain old Beagle puppy would certainly suffice.

She was beginning to get suspicious when I returned home from Christmas shopping with a couple of new leashes, 25 pounds of dog biscuits, and a half-dozen rawhide chewies.

In contrast, she wanted a house devoid of dog fur and hound drool, a TV room that did not smell like a boarding kennel, and a kitchen that was not ankle-deep in duck and pheasant feathers during hunting season.

Just for her, I invested in one of those marvelous new electronic air purifiers. They eliminate lingering pet odors, cooking aromas, and — thank God — even those ghastly home permanent smells (along with fresh traces of fly tying lacquer, rod varnish, and stale hunting boots).

For the lady who has everything, I found in one of the catalogs one of those new automatic poultry pluckers that attaches to the electric drill. I know that this will save her countless hours during pheasant season, when meal preparation can take on an entirely new dimension.

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Sometimes, no matter how hard you try, you just can satisfy anybody!

This year, I proudly decorated the Christmas tree myself while Peg was out. Finding myself in a rejuvenated holiday mood, I actually splurged and bought three dozen brand new ornaments. Boy, was she upset!

I really thought the tree looked quite handsome, festooned with 36 of Al Gag's new "flash finish" Mambo Minnows. They not only reflected the tree lights quite nicely, but you didn't have to fiddle with those pesky hanger hooks; the chrome trebles worked just fine.

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I truly thought that the new umbrella rig with glow-in-the-dark fluorescent surge tubes made a really neat Christmas star for the top of the tree.

Besides, after the holidays were over, we wouldn't have to haul the decorations back up to the attic. They could go straight to the new tackle locker that I was hoping Santa would leave under the tree on Christmas morning.

But, alas, my lovely wife, Peg — my best friend, lover, mother of my children, and soon again to be Keeper Of The Hounds — prevailed. More traditional (although much less practical) decorations were substituted.

Now, I really need that new tackle locker! Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

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The Alpine Ski Race Club is open to junior racers that will be competing in the J1-J4 (11-17) age brackets. The purpose of the club is to provide instruction for competitive alpine racing.

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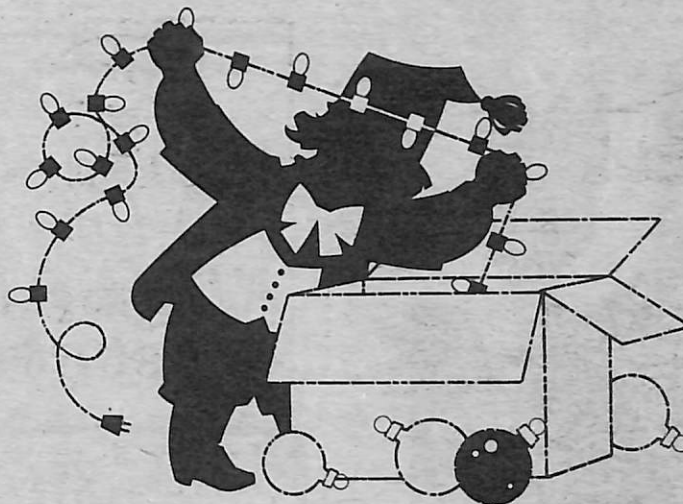
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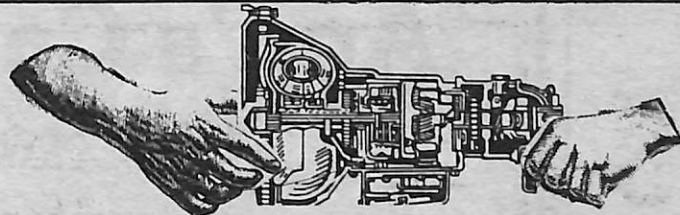
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Agawam Wrestling Club To Hold Registration

The Agawam Wrestling Club will be holding a registration on Friday, December 27th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Agawam High School teacher's cafeteria.

The club is available to boys and girls in grades three to eight. The cost is \$50 per child (includes USA Wrestling Membership and T-shirt), and the club is fully insured.

This is a minimum 10-week program which includes practices and meets. The directors/coaches are Kirk Parker (786-6604) and Dale Rhodes (786-7096), and qualified volunteers will be appreciated.

For more information, please call Kirk or Dale after 6:00 p.m.

AHS Wrestling Booster Club To Hold Dance

The Agawam High School Wrestling Booster Club will be holding a dance on Saturday, January 11, 1997 from 7:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

The dance will be held at the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street in Feeding Hills. Music will be provided by D.J. Charlie Parker.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Bring your own snacks!



Leader Board Remains Crowded In Monday Night Tri-Parish Bowling

In bowling action in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League at the Agawam Bowl on Walnut Street Extension, Catholic University remains on top of the pack in early Round Two action.

CU (7 wins) faced second place Georgetown (7 wins) and this was a very interesting match. CU winners were second roller CORI NAPOLITAN (267, 96.26 in Women's AA) and Captain BILL "Black & Blue" GRAY (345, leads league at 120.9). "Black & Blue" soundly defeated "Wilder" BILLY GRIFFIN (300, leads Men's A at 109.31). The 45-pin loss sent "Wilder" Billy looking for the Christmas egg nog.

The two G-Town winners were leadoff LOU NAPOLITAN (258, 88.4 in Men's C) and third roller DEBBIE POIRIER (353, again leads Women's Open at 110.28).

The next battle between third place St. Louis (7 wins) and fourth place Notre Dame (6½ wins) did not show the same firepower as the previous match. ND winners were leadoff RITA SCOTT (263, 84.2 in Women's B) and third roller MARY THOMAS (287, 97.20 in Women's AA). The two winners for St. Louis were second roller TERRY CERPOVICZ (301, 97.5 in Women's AA) and Captain GLEN "Not Sam" ADAMS (313, 115.11 in Men's AA). "Not Sam" barely defeated the challenge of ND Captain FLO ROCHFORD (312, 104.15 in Women's Open).

It was a fierce battle between sixth place St. Anselm (6 wins) and seventh place St. Michael (6 wins). St. Mike's winners were leadoff TAMMY VOGEL (259, 85.32 in Women's C), second roller JEAN BUONICONTI (275-272 over MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN; Jean rolls at 96.26 in Women's AA), and Captain JERRY ALLEN (370;

Jerry is trying to regain his league strongman status at 118.33 - that's behind "Black & Blue" Gray in the Men's Open). Jerry needed all of his faculties on this evening as St. A's Captain "Luscious" LOU MULDER gave him quite a battle with a 346 effort (105.32 in Men's AA).

The lone St. A's winner was third roller DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (310, 105.22 in Men's A).

Over on Lanes 5 & 6, fifth place Fordham (6 wins) was facing last place St. Mary (4 wins). St. Mary's was really on including MAUREEN LYN-COSKY (304, 93.23 in Women's A), second roller BOB "The Beastmaster" BURKE (336, 109.5 in the Unclassified), and third roller JOHN MLINEK (327-320 over JOHN LONCRINI; Mr. Mlinek is at 97.7 in Men's B).

The only winner for Fordham was Captain "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER (317, 108.22 in Men's Open). "Jollie" barely defeated St. Mary's Captain RICH SNYDER (316, 111.1 in Men's AA).

In the final match of the night, ninth place Holy Cross (4½ wins) and eighth place Boston College (6 wins) waged a low scoring affair. BC winners were leadoff DORIS FORTIER (288, leads Women's B at 88.16) and third roller YVONNE CHARTIER (298, 99.33 in Women's Open).

The two winners for HC were second roller "Wild" BILL ALDRICH (285, 96.7 in Men's B) and our famous assistant Agawam town treasurer, anchorage PAULA BURKE (304, 109.16 in Women's Open). Paula defeated a howling and wounded "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK, who wasn't happy with his 297 (101.2 in Men's A).

The members of the Tri-Parish Bowling League wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PLEASE REMEMBER we do not publish between Christmas and New Year's. Our next edition is Thursday, January 9th. Our next deadline is Tuesday, January 7th.

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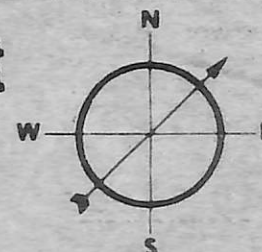
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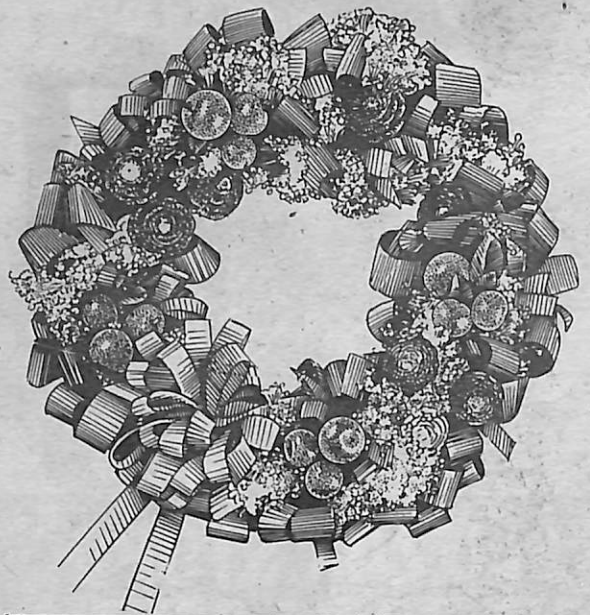
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